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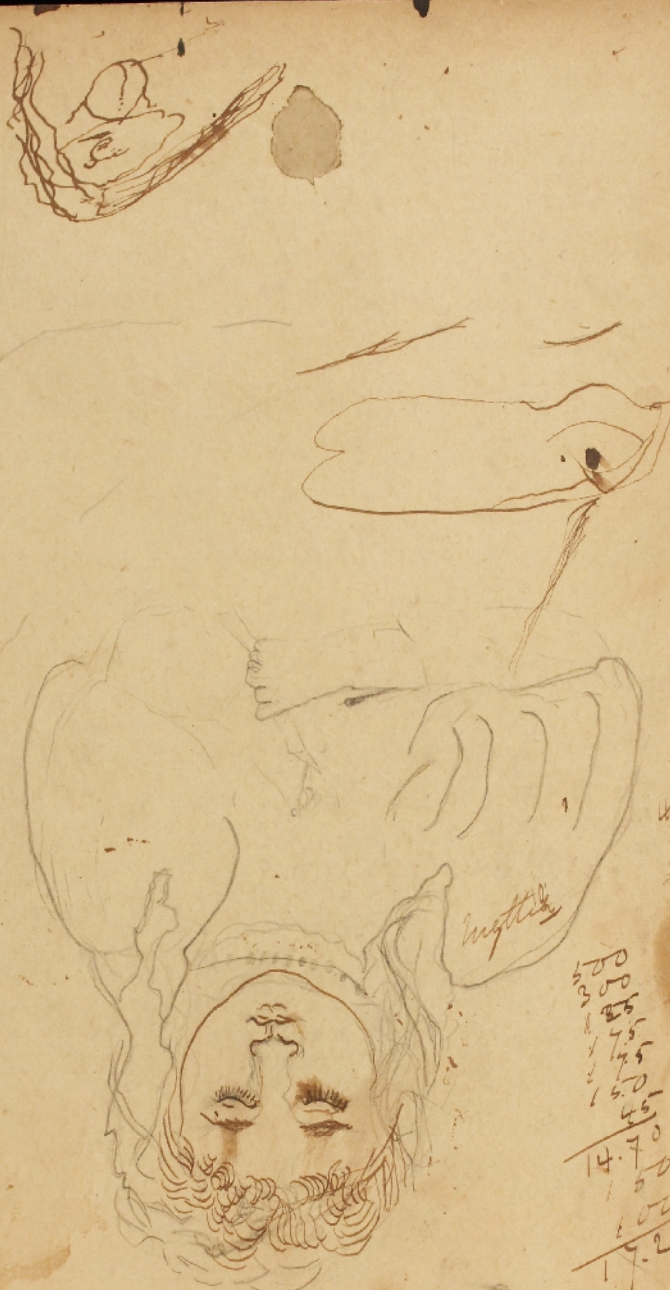
Jessie A. Hamilton

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1880

A. J. Lusk, Manufacturer, No. 208 Sansome St., S. F.



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Thursday
March 8th

1894

Jessie W. Freeman started on her voyage North, having on board a crew of six officers, twenty-two seamen, five boat stewards, two engineers, ^{two} ~~eight~~ firemen, cook, steward, cabin and mess room boys, Captain, wife and child. At 8.30 p. m. passed out of the Heads, wind N. W. and westerly sea running. I took a good last look at P. I. and wonder how soon I shall see the City again.

Friday
March
9th

Clear Comes in fine weather. Head sea on, and N. W. wind. Passed a number of South bound vessels. Started Steam.

Saturday March 10th

Wind same as yesterday

Sunday March 11th

Cloudy weather. Moderate Breeze. Bar 31.20

Monday March 12th

Cloudy weather. Light N. W. wind Bar 31.0

Tuesday March 13th

Cloudy weather, Under Steam light westerly wind. Lat by observation 41.08
Long. by Chron - 120.38 west

Wednesday March 14th

Rain and strong S. E. wind head sea on

Thursday March 15th

Rain with strong S. E. wind. Under lower

top-sails. Bar. 29.68. Lat-43°.00 Long. 131.24 W.

Tuesday March 16th

Fine weather, stiff squalls with slight rain
at midnight strong gale wind S. S. W.

Wednesday March 17th

Thick weather with rain, moderate gale
from S. W. Bar 29.85.

Thursday March 18th

Strong gale wind, high westerly sea
Bar - 30.20

Strong gale throughout this twenty four hours

Friday March 19th

Strong westerly gale. High sea running

Saturday March 20th

Come in with strong E. gale and a cross
sea running.

Sunday March 21st

Thick fog and light westerly wind
Big Sea on from S. E.

So far I have made my entries from the
Captain's Log, as thus far the voyage has not been
of much interest. The first week, we were
all sea-sick and thoroughly miserable
and it was no consolation to hear from all
that the frigate H. Freeman is a splendid
schooner in as much as she holds her course
well & is very dry. Dorothy overcame her

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Saturday

sickness first, and has arrived at a stage where three or four helps of hash fail to appease her appetite. She is making friends with every one, even the sailors spend their spare time making toys for her. She is so fearless and venturesome, but very happy, and merry from morning till night. I am very lazy, and don't feel over well, something like a piece of elastic, that has had all the spring taken out of it. The Captain does all the writing on Dorothy and myself, and is very good natured about it, especially since he has got over his sea-sickness. Our Cabin boy Leo is a willing little fellow, and will improve when he gets into the routine. I have succeeded in picking out a few tunes on my mandolin, and hemmed eight napkins for the cabin.

Thursday March 22nd

Fine pleasant weather, E. N. E. wind and cross sea. Stopped Steam.

Friday March 23rd

Fine weather, Foggy. Steam on.

The first day the sea has been smooth. Sewed on the machine all the p-
finishing, six pillowslips and a pair of sheets.

Saturday March 24th

Cloudy weather strong northerly wind
Long 154. 10. Lat 48. 19.

Sunday March 25th

Fine pleasant weather Light N.E. wind.

Monday March 26th

Fine & Smooth with fog. Light wind S.E.

Tuesday March 27th

Fine & pleasant, fog at times.

Long by Chron. 163. 47. Lat by Obs. 58, 10

Davidson Bank bearing S. by E,

seventy miles off at noon.

Wednesday March 28th

Fine smooth, foggy, took soundings and stopped to fish. Caught about thirty fine Cod & had a good dinner off them. P. m. cleared off, & started steam. At six anchored under Legalde Island in 28 fathoms of water. All hands started fishing, and had great sport seeing who could haul up the most fish. Captain Williams was the most lucky and got the largest fish.

Thursday March 29th

This morning the fish are not accommodating. We hove up anchor and sought a new fishing ground. At five p. m. anchored off Inalga. Pass in twenty six fathoms of water. Fish bit well, and all had lines out till dark. I caught one which weighed over thirty pounds. They average ten or twelve pounds.

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Friday March 30th

The weather very cold, snowing and blowing all day. This p.m. the Master Capt Williams went across in the boat to "Baskin" which was formerly a trading station of the A.C.C. there are now only Indian residents.

We all wrote letters hoping the Indians would take them to "Kualaska", which they promised to do in a few days. Capt Williams brought back a fine St. Bernard dog, which of course Dorothy claimed at once. This makes the fourth dog on board over a Newfoundland pup, an Irish Setter the St. Bernard and a San Francisco mongrel, the property of the cook. I have been sewing all day on a fur coat for Dorothy.

Saturday 31st Sunday April 1st Monday April 2nd

Have been at anchor, under the lee of the mountains, heavy S.W. wind and snow storms. It is very cold with thermometer at 20. Have caught ~~at~~ about eight barrels of catfish, had very good ducks which Captain Williams shot on shore. Several of the men went ashore to shoot some animal that we saw going along the beach, they thought it was a bear, it turned out to be a fox & they did not shoot it. They brought back some fine looking muskels, but they did not taste very good, so we were afraid to eat them.

Tuesday April 4th

Fine lovely weather, bright sunshine

but blowing hard from N. W. Will & I took
four snaps with the camera. I now made
some blue prints from the pictures Mrs
Brooks took. This is our first attempt
at photography. Will has to do all the
hard work, stopping up light holes in the
dark room, etc. & he does not like it much.
Captain Williams shot some ptarmigan.

Thursday, April 5th

Hoisted up anchor at 6 a-m. Steered for
the pass under topmils. Blowing hard
and got up Cleave at 9 a-m. Bar 30.
Ther 22.

We developed three of the plates last night
one was overexposed. They came out pretty
good, what was of them. In the one of Wrotting
& the dog, only the dog got on the plate. &
thus came out everything. One of Wrotting &
Will was quite good, but another of the
same position had Will's head cut
off. I don't think we kept them long enough
in the Hypos bath, for after they had
been about half an hour in the water
afterwards, the edges commenced to
fill up & the film to get soft. This caused
us to we took them out. I suppose they
will be spoiled.

Friday April 6th

Lay all day at anchor with strong wind
still blowing. took some pretty good
photographs

Saturday, April 7th

Rove up Ancha and started through
Unalga Pass at 10 a-m. under steam
Saw two volcanoes in action, one on
the west side of the pass was throwing out
a great deal of white smoke. Will take a picture
of the "Piest" rock which lies off "Unalaska"
The wind is N, not strong. Weather is warm
& sea smooth. We are now bound for the
whaling grounds.

Saturday April 7th

~~Fine clear & cold weather, moderate wind~~

Sunday April 8th

One month out today. Fine & pleasant
weather. light North wind. Bar 30.20.

Ther 22. At 11.45 a-m discovered fire in
the main hatch, several bundles of
~~oakum~~ ^{oakum} & rope were burning, but it was
extinguished in a few minutes. It gave
us a pretty good scare. A fire is not
a pleasant occurrence, with so much
combustible stuff on board, there are about
400 ~~lb~~ pounds of powder under our
cabin, and lots of dynamite bombs.

Monday April 9th

Fine weather with good breeze, at 3 p-m
passed some small ice. The first we have
seen.

* Tuesday April 10th

Not much wind, and plenty of ice. It-
is very cold. Ther. 20 this a-m.

Wednesday April 11th

Fine cold weather. Smooth sea, and lots of ice all a-m. Took two snaps at some we were passing through. At 7 p.m. sighted Cape Haverin about 25 miles off. Stopped steaming till morning.

Thursday April 12th

Weather cold & fine with no wind. Thick ice all round as far as we can see, large cakes lying together, with occasional open pieces of water between. Steamed slowly through it all day with the land lying to the westward and for Cape Haverin about fifteen miles off. These fields of floating ice grow very monstrous to the eye. The only breaks ~~to~~ in today's routine have been the bumping of the ship on the ice occasionally and the sight of a few seals on the cakes, which wobbled into the water as soon as a shot was fired at them. It was daylight at ~~about~~ a-m, and the sun set at 7-30 p.m. Bar 30-40 Ther 22.

Friday April 13th

At noon we stopped off Cape Thaddens the ice being too heavy to go ahead. Will took a picture of the ship from the ice about two hundred feet off. I took two snap at some of the men on the ice. These all made good negatives, except one to which I gave 3 or 4 seconds exposure. Ther 22.

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Saturday April 14th

~~Remained~~ weather colder, with wind
N.W. We drifted in shore a little.

Sunday April 15th

Started steam at 9 a.m. at noon made
open water and steamed for about 15 miles
Came to the heavy ice.

Monday April 16th

~~But~~ Ship stuck in the ice solid. At 7 p.m.
a bowhead whale was seen quite near the ship.

Tuesday April 17th

Tried to steam ahead, the ice is too heavy to
get a start. This morning Captain Williams
shot a large walrus, and got a fine pair of
tushs. At 7 p.m. the lookout saw a
steamer astern of us. It is very monotonous
lying here, doing nothing. I took some
pictures, some of which turned out very good
my fault, as my chief fault as far as I find
is in underdeveloping my pictures. This
has been a beautiful bright day. Brothie has
been out working with chips all the afternoon.
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Wednesday April 18th

Still in the ice, more solid than ever.
Tried to steam, but she could make no
headway.

Thursday April 19th

The weather is very cold today. Ther. at 12'
and quite a strong N.E. wind, at times

a slight snow storm. I have not been on deck except for a few minutes this a.m. to see the arrival of a large seal, which was shot about ^{half} a mile from the ship. It was a hideous thing & so large that five men had all they could do to drag it along over the ice, one man got separated from the seal when coming back to the ship he did not see that they had walked a long way round to avoid a wide break in the ice, he ~~was~~ seeing any other way back threw his boat hook ahead of him & swam across, he was a chilly looking object when he got to the ship with his clothes frozen stiff & ~~the~~ gave the seal anything but a pleasant look as it lay alongside the ship, where the men were skinning it. whatever for I don't know. Some one said the cook could make fine meal balls of seal. I shall look carefully at any fresh looking dishes for a few meals to come.

Wednesday 25th

I have not made any entries as there was so little to write about, we are still frozen up & still hoping every day for a change of wind & weather to get us out.

This is Dorothy's fifth birthday. I unearthed a small box of toys, will get out some oranges from hidden stores, the Steward made her a chocolate cake (more chocolate than cake) and Antoinette, who is at present her particular charm gave her a four-bladed pen knife, which she is very proud of. The weather is very cold, the thermometer some days below zero.

Sunday May 6th

Still in the ice, more solid than ever. The strong currents have taken us inshore as far as possible for the ice piled along the land, we are about twelve miles off Thaddeus. Ice is piled high round the ship and as far as the eye can see is a rugged sea of glistening ice, in the sunlight almost too dazzling to look at, but beautiful as the Sun goes down in gorgeous splendour, reflecting from the bright orange red, and purple of the sky, the softest hints of transparent colors. This all gets very monotonous to the men, when they think it is hindering them from their work.

*So ignorant - I did not know
that thin ice was dangerous enough
as it was ever getting thicker

But it is consoling to know that here the
ship is in comparative safety, the ice not being
big enough to do any serious damage, even
if we were jammed any tighter. There is
no change in the wind. Ther. 18°

I have printed a picture of the J. H. P. in the
ice, and taken a photo of Dorothy which
was a failure. I don't understand the
proper light for these ice pictures, though
we got a very good one of the ship. I think
all the good ones are accidents. There is
very little darkness, the sun sets at nine
it gets dark about twelve, and the sun
rises again at about half past three.

Monday May 7th

Ice began breaking up in small leads
and the ship was adrift at noon.
Weather not so cold.

Tuesday May 8th

Two months since we left S. F. Steamed
into several leads for about a mile.

Wednesday May 9th

Turned our cabin upside down, cut
down the lounge, moved Dorothy's
bed, & made a great improvement
in the way of room. Wind S. W. warmer.
Ther. 40° Steamed & drifted some
distance. At 9 p.m. saw five vessels
in a mirage to the southward of us.

Thursday May 10th

Ice still thick ahead, & no leads - See five vessels

Friday May 11th

Weather warm and beautiful, Ice opened up at about sundown, we steamed for about four miles and stuck. Three of the vessels to the Southward are Steamers, had lots of smoke coming from them all a - m., at 4 o'clock we lost eight of them, in a ~~haze~~^{fog}, lying along the land & to the South of us.

Bill & the Carpenter put up a fineshelf for books in our cabin, so I can keep the other one for a closet or sideboard. The cabin is quite as comfortable as we could wish to have it, and in this weather we do not use the steam heaters at all.

Saturday May 12th

Steamed a short distance.

Sunday May 13th

Monday May 14th

Started at noon & found the ice slackening up all over.

Friday June 1st 1894

yesterday leads opened on all sides of us about half a mile ahead the nearest water we were frozen in as solid as we have

been for the last 16 days. At noon today started to try and move a little, by blasting, cutting off pieces of ice and bawling her back and forward for about 4 hours. The J.A. once more is steaming at full speed through clear water. There are good leads ahead & Please God we will not be stuck in this ice, or see the coast of Hawaii again this Spring.

Saturday June 2nd

Steamed all day through almost clear water, met several canoes of natives who told us that all the steamers and one sailing vessel had passed up the coast, the only whales caught & so far were two, which were got by a schooner. About ten o'clock we reached "Indian Point" and ~~the~~ found the Bark "Andrew Hicks" at anchor having on board the crew of the "Abram Barker" which the natives report was lost in the ice off "Hawaii" within the last few weeks. We got a good many deer skins & boots in trade. & left about 3.30 a.m. ~~Sunday~~

Sunday June 3rd

Left "Indian Point" at 3.30 a.m. for North & South Heads. Laid up to the ground ice at both places, and got about a hundred and fifty pairs of boots, two hundred skins and a number of skin shirts, in exchange for tobacco, cartridges, flour, sealables and hard bread, with calico, needles, knives, thumbles, beads and corals, there were more

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and above the bargain.
 After seeing these natives around the decks for
 sometime, the disgust begins to give place to pity
 for their wretched condition, for it is impossible
 to imagine any beings who show less signs
 of comfort than these ~~Indians~~ ^{people}. These living
 on Siberian coast are considered more
 intelligent than those on the American
 side, a great many can speak a few words
 of English, and some can converse quite well.
 This of course they have learned trading with
 the whalers. Some of them recognized Bill
 who was here two years ago in the "Newport".
 They were all very much interested ⁱⁿ and
 friendly disposed toward Dorothy, who does
 not at all appreciate their advances, nor
 do I, for they are so dreadfully filthy in their
 persons & clothes, I don't want to close a
 contact with them.

Monday June 4th

Left North Beach at 2.30 a.m. the Belvedere
 up to the ice there, & steamed for the "Vineyard
 Islands", passed the Bark "John & Kinutsof"
 with boats lowered for a whale, found the natives
 a more thrifty looking lot than any
 we have seen yet, they were good traders too
 so we got through quickly and came up
 to "East Cape". Found Christy, Thrasher,
 Alexander, Wavash, William Bayless, & a
 schooner tied up to the ice.
 Had supper on board Thrasher, and had
 the pleasure of meeting ^{met} those of the other
 ladies of the fleet. The crew has two whales

Tuesday June 5th

Calm beautiful weather, did a little trading for skins, got one white bear skin.

Wednesday June 6th

Still tied up to the ice. a sailor Jackson ran off last night. Sent Messincher "Sonny boy" after him. Bought some dogs and a few more skins. The "Beluga" came up and tied up.

Thursday June 7th

The same as yesterday

Friday June 8th

Thick fog. Wind south. Ice coming in. Let go. Steamed to "Whaling" and made fast to ground ice.

Saturday June 9th

Lying at Whaling. Bar 30. Ther 30

Sunday June 10th

Fine beautiful weather. Light N. E. wind ice coming in so let go and started for "East Cape". Saw John Wintthrop out in the Straits. Towed her to anchor under East Cape. and tied up again to the ice. The "Navarch" went south to Unalaska this morning taking the mail, and some orders for things in Unalaska.

Steamer Beluga. Thatcher & Co are with us.

Monday June 11th

Lying tied to the ice till 6 p - m. Wind heavy swell bumping us on the ice. Went

to anchor.

Tuesday June 12th

Fine bright weather. Calm. Lying at anchor. Have been making skin clothing all day.

Wednesday June 13th

Weather squally with strong westerly wind. The Thrasher raised a whale at 6 p.m. been cutting out clothes and printing the best photos I have taken yet.

Thursday June 14th

Lying at anchor. Weather cloudy light S.E. wind. Beluga, Orca & Freeman's boats lowered for whale at 7 p.m. Saw only one rising from the ship. The mate's boat followed him up and came within a boat's length of striking him.

Friday June 15th

Weather fine and warm. Light S.E. wind. Beluga lowered for a whale at 1 p.m. Orca & Freeman had boats down. Soon raised two more, & chased for four hours, but could not get near enough to strike.

Saturday June 16th

Light S.E. wind and fog at times.

The Beluga started for Port Clarence at 4.30 p.m. Ice all broken up along the shore and drifting north fast.

Sunday June 17th

Fine and pleasant weather. Little wind. Orca started for the north to land Capt. Townsend in the steam launch. Beluga & Thrasher came back from businesses and dropped anchor. Captain & Mrs. Smith came on board.

to be seen about the Station

The reindeer thrive well,

~~Wednesday~~ Thursday June 21st

Weather cloudy, little wind. Several canoes came alongside, with fish and a few skins. The small fish very good.

We shifted anchorage at midnight the ice coming in to us with the tide. Anchored near the beach of the sand spit.

Friday June 22nd

Fine clear weather. We went ashore in the dingy, found the sand spit covered with sweet smelling flowers, some of which we planted of Captain Montross's grave. The grave was in good condition, with a cross at the head, and a wooden slab at the foot bearing the name & ship and the date of his death. There was another grave, with a slab inscribed J. Hill, aged 70 on it. Also we came across the remains of a native buried in the customary way. They ~~had~~ laid on the ground together with his belongings, rifle skins etc, and covered or partially covered with sticks of drift wood, some long poles stuck up cross ways, and a paddle to top the pile.

Saturday June 23rd

Weather fine and very warm.

Sunday June 24th

Monday " 25th

Went ashore & took a picture of Captain Montross's grave, and the mosquitoes took a lunch off us.

Wednesday June 27th

Weather fine, wind South East. Four vessels came in & reports the tender J. V. Peters lying outside about twenty miles, with ice round her.

Thursday June 28th

Sts. Beluga & Thrasher went out at 6 a-m to bring in the Peters.

Came in at noon and anchored at 3 p-m. The Steamer Jennie

arrived with the mail from San Francisco

and our extra stores. There was great rejoicing when the bags were sent on board and everyone was eager to get his share. I received about forty five letters, and there were also two large boxes of books and various other things from friends in Blannet. Am glad to say all the letters contained good news.

~~Friday June 29th~~ Friday June 29th

Saturday June 30th

Weather fine and clear. Ice has all disappeared except a few pieces along the shore. There are fifteen vessels in Port Clarence at present 4 whaling steamers, & ~~whaling ship~~ 9 sailing ships with the tender. The "Jennie" & "Bea", which is the ~~new~~ Dr. S. Havenne steamer.

Steamer Beluga is taking coal from the Peters. Freeman went alongside at 6 p-m

Sunday July 1st

The same as yesterday. Freeman commenced working Monday July 2nd

Sts. Freeman is taking coal.

Tuesday July 3rd

Finished coaling at 11.30. a.m. Took on some lumber and spars - and let go from the Peters at 12. m. Steamed over to the Reindeer Station to tow over the lighters to be used in ballasting the Peters. Found the "Bear" discharging reindeer which she had brought for the Station from the East Shore. The whole herd of 380 deer were grazing close to the beach. I took two snap-shots at them. They are very tame, though the hunters have more trouble in managing them at this time of the year than in the winter. They herd them with shepherd collies, as the Esquimaux dogs worry them. The deer are not at all pretty, but are in good condition. The U. S. Government has taken charge of the Station and is bringing summer of Rapps across to herd them, as the natives here do not understand the care or management of them. Mr Lopp who has been superintending the Station, expects to leave here for Cape Prince of Wales, to resume the position of School-Teacher there.

The Revenue Steamer Bear, arrived early this a.m. bringing the account of the loss of the Bark James Allen which struck on a sunken rock in coming through the "172 Pass" into the Bering Sea on May 11th. A number of the crew with Captain Smith, master, managed to get to Unalaska, a distance of 130 miles, most of the time rowing as they had nothing in the way of a sail.

The following account of the disaster is written
by Mrs. Healy, wife of the Commandant of the Bear.
Bark James Allen wrecked at 1.30 a.m. May 10th
1894.

Struck a submerged rock off East end of "Annelia" Island
After she struck I found out that she was filling rapidly
cleared away boats without a chance of provisioning
them, as we have no time. The five boats cleared the ship
& got separated in the dense fog. Last seen the wind
was from the S.E. at daylight the Captain with two
other boats landed on the North side of Annelia
Island. 26 men all told, remained there till
morning of the 16th living principally on mussels and seaweed
on the 16th left the Island with three boats with but one sail
started for Inualaska. On morning of the 17th passed Amukta
Island, blowing a S.W. gale. During the day of the 17th & night
the 18th steering to S.E. through the Islands "Four
mountains". On the night of the 19th tied up to the kelp on
one of the Islands not able to land in the surf. The men
died. On the 20th left the Island steering S.E. wind S.W.
about 3 p.m. a boat capsized losing 4 men
another boat in tow rescued the remainders enabling
all told in one boat. Could not right the boat so
lost sail & compass. Made for Innamak Island
distance about 8 miles. Landed there for the night
on the following day 3 men died from exposure, etc.
May 28. Captain Huntly with a boat crew 8 men
started for Inualaska leaving the remainder in an
old Sea Otter camp on the Island. Encountered
bad winds, had to return, & found a hunter
but where we remained till 5th of June
in the mean time making several attempts to reach
Inualaska, but compelled by weather to turn back.

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Wednesday July 4th 1894

A fine beautiful day. All the ships displayed as much bunting as they could, and all the men had a holiday with the exception of the crews of the "Oca" & "Peters", as the Oca was taking coal. At 6 p.m. guns were fired and whistles were tooted as the flags dropped, and two of our boats had a pulling race for a box of tobacco. The Oca's boat won. We were invited to dine on the "Beluga", but spent the day on board our own ship.

Lived on mussels, fish & roots, making fish hooks from an old can found in the hut. On June 5th finally started for Unalakleet with 7 men, leaving 10 on the Island. After 7 days arrived in Unalakleet on the 12th having rowed a distance of 130 miles from the Camp on Inukjuak Island. No sails except a couple of old quilts which we tried to use but without success. Received on the U.S.S. Bear which started at once for the Island. Arrived there we found one man had died & the rest in a starving condition.

Steamer Nora picked up eight men, the 3rd & 4th mates, and 6 seamen. 15 are still missing or unaccounted for.

Thursday July 5th

Fresh southerly wind. Started ballasting the Bark J. D. Peters. but found it too rough to continue. Bar 29.80 Ther 40°

Friday July 6th
Strong S.E. Wind. No ballasting done
"Orca" finished coaling at noon.
"Hoosier" could not get alongside
of Peter. Bar 29.90

Saturday July 7th
S.E. Wind and thick at times. Bear
came back from the Reindeer Station
at 7 P.M. the "Orca" went to see, as
the Captain was anxious to start
Captain Townsend, in the Launch.
I have taken a severe cold, with
rheumatic pains in my head and
shoulder. Got some medicine from
Dr. White of the Steamer Bear. Put all my
mail on board the "Peter".

Sunday July 8th
Calm, at 6 P.M. all ships began
ballasting again. Dr. White came over
to see what he could do for my pain.

Monday July 9th
Thick weather. Ballasted all A.M.
Captain Williams & Mr. Kipley got the
"Lima" from the "Bear" and got over
two fine salmon. "Bear" left for the
East Coast. We hoisted up anchor at
7 P.M. & started north.

Tuesday July 10th
S.E. Wind at 4 P.M. left Cape Prince
of Wales with thick fog, steering N.W.
for 8 miles, then kept N. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. Bar 30.00

Tuesday July 11th

Clearing. Light southerly wind, from
fell in with St. Lawrence at 6 o'clock.
Captain Cook hailed us and sent on
board a box of things he had brought
us from "Unalakleet".

Calm, Bar 30. At night comes in thick fog

Thursday July 12th

Thick fog. At 4 a.m. struck 11 fathoms

At 6 a.m. cleared up, & found ourselves
about 1/4 mile off the sand spit at "Point
Hope". 6 sailing vessels at anchor under
South side, heavy ice off shore. At 7 a.m.
started for Cape Lisbon Strong & wind.

At 8 p.m. came to anchor under Lisbon
"Orca" at anchor, thick outside and
heavy ice off shore. Sent a boat ashore
and they brought off birds eggs and
some beautiful flowers. Mr. Williams
and the mate also shot a number of
crowbill ducks and grouse. The grouse
are delicious. At 7 p.m. hoisted up and
got under way. Bar 30.10

The shores along here are simply carpeted
with flowers, of the most brilliant colors,
beds of forget-me-nots and buttercups, and
numbers of other small flowers which
are not familiar to me. They are all very
fragrant and the colors are brighter than
in the same varieties at home.

There are also different grasses, but no larger
vegetable growth of any kind, with the exception

of a stunted vine which looks like
willow, and grows close to the ground.

Friday July 13th

Lay at times, Orea in company.

At 10 a.m. came to anchor 5 miles
below "Point Lay" ice harbor ~~the~~ shore.

Natives came off, but had no trace.
Captain Townsend was stuck here
he could not find a lead to get the
Launch through. At 4 p.m. "Beluga"
came up. At 7 p.m. Captain
Townsend made another start. Captain
Williams going with him. We could
see from aloft that they succeeded
in getting into the strough which
runs north about 60 miles and is only
at 300 ft from the sea. At midnight
they came back, finding the ^{lagoon} ~~strough~~
too shallow for the boat which was
half full of water from the rough sea.

Saturday July 14th

Lay at anchor all day tied up to
heavy ice. no openings yet.
Orea & Beluga at anchor.

We went ashore and crossed the
narrow sand spit to the Lagoon
Got a number of pretty flowers.

Set in thick fog.

Sunday July 15th

Got under way at 7.30 a.m. and

found the ice scattering, Arca & Beluga following. At noon Arca fell away behind. At midnight ~~so~~ made Cape Belcher and waited for Beluga to come up. Ice looks heavy ahead.

Monday July 16th

Weather fine, wind north, ice moving slowly. "Arca" "Beluga" "Thrasher" & "Freeman" at anchor.

Tuesday July 17th

Fine weather. Northerly wind. Tied up to ground ice. Ice came up at 5 a.m. ^{P.M.} "Kavach" followed, also Steamer Belvedere, all tied up to ice. Captain Townsend made another start, but had to return to the "Freeman" at midnight, found the ice fast on the point. Bar, 30.10. 30.10 - Bar.

Wednesday July 18th - Wednesday

Started again at 7 a.m. and followed in shore about 8 miles, could go no further. All the other steamers followed and tied up to shore ice. Weather cloudy, wind N.E. and comes in thick fog. Bar 30.10.

Capt Townsend made another effort to get past the Point, and finally gave it up. Took the launch on board the "Jeanie".

Thursday July 19th

Weather thick fog in A-m wind N.E.
Still tied up to ^{the} ice
The Alexander & ^{Beluga Baylis} Beluga came up.

Friday July 20th

Weather fine wind N.E. Ice started to
go off shore. At 6 p.m. "Jeanie" made
a start north and was followed
a few hours later by all the other
steamers. Two sailing vessels at
Anchor off Cape Belcher.
Bar. 29.80.

Saturday July 21st

Cloudy weather with rain at times
Fresh wind blowing from S.W.E. At
4 a.m. working ice. Jesse H. Freeman
ahead at 4.30 a.m. got through the
scattering ice into open water along
the shore at 6.30 tied up to grounded
ice at Cape Smith. Freeman 1st
Beluga 2nd Mr Kelly the station
superintendent came aboard for
breakfast. Reports 22 whales caught
at 7 p.m. let go and started for
Point Barrow, but had to tie
up south of the Point. Thick fog
and ice coming up from the
southward at the rate of about
four knots. Broke through and
got in between the ground ice
and the shore.

Sunday July 22nd

Fine and pleasant weather, calm
Three sailing ships to the Southward
of us. Lee hand on Point Barrow
Bar 29.50.

Monday July 23rd

Thick weather and baffling wind
Esca towed in the John & Winthrop
Wanderer also came in in tow
of the Thrasher. Anchored along
side the John & Winthrop.

Tuesday July 24th

Thick fog in a.m. & fresh N. E. wind
"Janie" went to Cape Smyth to discharge
stores for the Station. All the
steamers are waiting to get East
Bar. 29.40

Wednesday July 25th

Fine clear weather, and very warm
light Southerly wind. At 11.30 a.m.
"Thrasher" broke up and started in
to the Eastward, followed by all the
Steamers. Jesse W. Freeman towed the
Park John & Winthrop round the Point
out of the way of the ice, & left her at
anchor. Then started after the other
steamers, found good leads & in some
places they ice had to be broken through
by the steamers that were ahead.
At 6 p.m. got into clear water, and

passed Smith's Bay. All clear ahead
at 10 p.m.

Thursday July 26th
Came in fine and clear. Wind S.E.
light. At 5 a.m. came to anchor
in $4\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms. Cape Halket bearing
east by compass. distant 5 miles
ice hard on the land. Bar 29.50
all the steamers in company.
P.m. thick fog & wind N.W. Laid
up to the ground ice.
At 9 p.m. cleared up and all
made a start to the East, working
ice.

Friday July 27th
Fine and pleasant weather
with light northerly wind.
Working ice for this 24 hours.
At 12 noon got into $\frac{3}{4}$ less 3
caval water. Hauled the ship
north working flat ice till 2 p.m.
in company with the other steamers.
At 8 p.m. came to anchor
in $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of water at
Return Reef. We went ashore
so that I could say I had landed
at the spot which was the most
westerly extent of Franklin's voyage.
Took a photograph of an empty
barrel which had been washed
up on the shore. The steamer

Navarch lost her jibboom yesterday
by striking on the ice.

We find the Freeman heading badly
forward somewhere.

Saturday July 28th

Thick fog all a-m. At noon we hove
up anchor & started alone. Cramled round
the points of floes in 3 fathoms of water
till we passed Ketum Reef, and kept
on to the N. E. till 3 p-m. Could not
get any further and tied up to ground
ice, off Cross Island. About 8 p-m the
other steamers came up and tied
up also. Wind Northerly.

Sunday July 29th

Fine pleasant weather. Tied up
to ice.

Monday July 30th

Found three fathoms of water & stopped
engines & anchored. St. Alexander just
ahead of us trying to get inside the
Island passage went aground in
12 feet of water. She worked all day
with an anchor out astern without
any assistance from the other vessels
and got off at 6 p-m. Two vessels
in sight to the southward of us thought
to be the "Jeanie" with Bark Boardman
in tow.

Tuesday July 31st
Foggy at times with light S.W.
breeze. No open water to be seen
and the ice is not moving. All
the steamers are tied up to the
same piece of ice except the "Jeanie"
which is a bout 5 miles South.
There is nothing to do but visit
round among the ships and
talk over the situation. It is very
monotonous, but we are altogether
and "kissing like company".

Wednesday August 1st
Foggy, and light baffling wind
There are 11 vessels in sight
to the Southward, including the
"Jeanie" & "Wanderer" which are
the nearest that makes 19 vessels
altogether, which are on their way
to Herschel Island.

Thursday August 2nd
Weather, about the same. See also
and vessels at anchor to the
Southward Bar 29.90

Friday August 3rd
Weather the same and no change
in the ice
We received the following note from
Captain MacGregor this a-m

St. Asca
Cross Island

Aug 3rd 1894

Capt & Mrs W. R. P. Peter

There will be a Ladies game on board
St. Asca today 3rd Mrs Peter yourself
and daughters are cordially invited
said game (reception) at 2.30 sharp

Truly yours

L & M. McGregor

The invite was cordially accepted and
we spent a very pleasant afternoon
and partook of a very good dinner
Captain & Mrs & Miss Greene, Captain &
Mrs Cook were present besides ourselves
later.

Saturday Aug 4th
Weather foggy during a.m.,
Strong N.W. wind springing up. At
10 p.m. The Freeman and Alexander
made a start, followed by Beluga
wedged not get very far, and got
jammed once in the ice. We had to
tee up for the night, leaving the
other steamers where they were
and the sailing vessels still at
anchor to the Southward about
ten miles.

Sunday Aug 5th
Started at 11.30 again and
made about ten miles, when we
had to tee up. The ice looks solid

everywhere ahead. At 6 p.m. the
Hoscher, Lerca, Belvedere, Kavaad
and William Bayless came up
and tied up. They report that
the Bark Reindeer was wrecked
last night by a floe driving her
ashore and then crushing through
her. Some of the steamers sent boats
down to her, and as there were several
other vessels near, she did not need
our help. Captain Logan was saving
all he could from the wreck when
the boats left today, and expected
to go to Point Barrow to meet the "Bear"
if comes in thick fog, and calm
Bar 30. 20

Monday Aug 6th
Thick weather, clearing at times
but no movement in the ice
All the Et's tied up to ground ice
Lion Reef bearing South distant
2 miles. Bar 29. 90.

Tuesday Aug 7th
Thick weather again, and very
little wind. Ice the same.
P.m. wind light and raining.
The ice came up from the
South and. So we moved a little
farther off shore and tied up
to heavier ice. Bar 30.

Wednesday Aug 8th

Thick fog all day. Could not see the steamer lying near us. Bar. 30.10. Five mouths out today.

Thursday Aug 9th

Fog during A.M. P.M. cleared up and we could see all the vessels to the Southward of us. Still no chance to get ahead. Captain Duns weeks came on board ~~for~~ in the evening. Oca went down to speak the "Jeanie".

Friday Aug 10th

Rain all day. in the evening it cleared off and we went on board the Alexander to call on Mrs. Green. Got wet coming back to the ship. The mate and Ambellians got their boats out and had a race, it was a bad beat for Mrs. Ashley.

Bar 30.20.

Saturday Aug 11th

Fairly clear, but raining. We started at 10 A.M. to try to get through inside the Reef. The lagoon is very wide about ten miles and we got along in 12, 3 & 4 fathoms. Then it came in thick fog and we anchored. Also the Alexander and Navarcho with us. At two

It - en cleared up, and saw that
the hawarch had gone back
to tie up. Alexander & Freeman
kept on with a boat out ahead
sounding. Got from 5 to 3 fathoms
and at 8 o'clock came in thick
so we anchored in 3 fathoms
Alexander anchored with us.
Sent a boat out - sounding and
looking for a passage out of the
Lagoon. Bar 30.20.

Sunday Aug. 12th
Thick fog all day, and light wind.
No movement made, except
by the boats. Some out sounding
and others ashore on the sand spit
~~shot~~ where the men shot some grouse
& ducks.

Monday Aug 13th
Weather still foggy. At 10 a.m.
started to find a passage out
of the Lagoon. Found a good
channel with $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms
and tied up to the ice which
was solid on to the spit outside
Alexander with us.

Tuesday Aug 14th
Clear & weather with strong
N. N. E. wind. The ice commences
coming in round the ship

So we went into the Lagoon for safety and anchored ~~in~~ ^{3 fathoms} about half a mile from the island with a beacon stuck up on it, we sent a boat ashore and erected another beacon with a barrel on top to mark this channel into the Lagoon. At 5 p.m. the Schooner Kossio came up & anchored. The other Steamers still lying about ten miles to the Southward of us. Bar 30. The mate & Mr. Williams went ashore on the mainland after deer. They had a rough time beating back to the ship got soaked through & brought only 4 grouse

Wednesday Aug 15th

Weather clear & blowing very strong from N. E. no change in the ice outside the ^{harbor} Spit. Schooner Kossio at anchor.

Thursday Aug 16th

Thick fog all a.m. - Cleared up and blew strong from N. E. & quite cold.

Friday Aug 17th

Foggy & still blowing from the North at 10 sent boat out sounding and found no passage out of the Lagoon farther than where we came in. The water all shoal ahead of us. The ice round

The sand spit breaking away and
drifting to the Southward.
Shifted anchor at 10 p.m.

Saturday Aug¹⁸th

Hardest weather beautiful clear & calm
Started at 5-30 a.m. and got out
of the Lagoon. Had several hard
places to get through, and got
into good working leads by 10 a.m.
Alexander got stuck astern of us
but got through all right, Kawach
and William Baylies following.
At 12 noon we got into open
water and all clear ahead.

I had just had my bath and going
to bed at 10 p.m., when someone
called out there was a bear on the ice
so I dressed & ran on deck in time
to see the boat pull up to him and
Mr. Ashley & Mr. Williams hauled him
& hauled him to the ship. This
is the first Polar bear I have seen.

Sunday Aug¹⁹th

~~Foggy~~ At noon we dropped anchor
about a ship's length off the end of
the sand spit at Herschel Island where
we landed some stuff in barrells
We went ashore to have a look at
the surroundings of our future home.
They did not look very inviting, but
we had a cordial welcome from

Captain Munn the station master
the entire population of natives
principally women & children, and
about twenty-five dogs. There are several
wooden buildings. The P.P. & Company's
dwelling house & store house are quite
good in size and painted dark
red give a very civilized appearance
to the place. The natives live in tents,
which are neat looking. We found
that everything was well with the
station and the ships that had
been here all winter, but the whaling
so far had been very slim compared
to last year. No whales have been taken
among the vessels. We hoove up anchor
& steamed out to where the ships
were whaling & met them all coming
in as the fog was thick & ice very
heavy at the eastward. The captains
were all very glad to see us as they
began to fear that we could not get
in. ~~and then~~ Captains Norwood, Selton
Vincent, Hewitt & Smith came on board.

Monday Aug^t 20th

Fine weather, ~~we~~ steamed left
the island at 5 a-m & cruised
round all day seeing nothing.
The steamers Kauluk & Grampus
each took a whale.

Tuesday Aug^t 21st

Fine weather, with good N. E. breeze
we ~~lowered~~ raised a whale at
10 a-m & lowered, then raised
3 more, going very fast.

Lowered again twice, but did not
strike any. Have seen 10 whales
today. The harpoon took one
to leeward of us. Five ships in
sight with boats out.

Wednesday Aug. 22nd

Fog & Rain all day. No whales seen
and no boats lowered.

Thursday Aug. 23rd

Rain & sleet during a-m.

Nine vessels round us. Oca came
up, & reported having arrived at Wrecked
Island on the 20th also Keluga, Thrasher
William Baylis & Belvedere.

Steamer Newport took a whale.

Friday Aug. 24th

Steamed about 30 miles to the
eastward, along with the Oca. But saw
nothing. Came back to where the other
ship are, Alexander lowered at 5 p-m.
No whales seen.

Mrs Williams & Mr Ashley shot ~~six~~ five
large bears and a cub, which were
feeding from a carcass of a whale.
Saw two carcasses today.

Wednesday September 12th
 Have been cruising for three weeks
 between Herschel Island and Cape
 Bathurst. Have seen most whales
 North East of the Island and North
 East of Pullen Island ~~in~~ ~~at~~ Have
 not seen more than two whales at
 one time with the exception of once
 when there were four together. Most
 of those we have seen have been
 going. The mate struck & got a calf
 N. E. of Herschel Island on 30th Aug
 no bone in it. On the 7th the 6th mate
 got an 1800 lb whale, and on 9th
 the 4th mate got another calf
 on the 10th the 3rd mate struck and
 lost a large whale close to the ship.
 So far we have lowered boats
 sixteen times. One time the 5th mates
 boat was capsized and two sailors
 nearly drowned. it was blowing hard
 and snowing at the time.
 Yesterday 11th the Navarch spoke
 us and reported one whale, we were
 sailing west, but the Navarch had
 seen no whales between here and
 the Island, we turned round with
 him to hunt up the rest of the
 fleet. At 8 a - m sighted six vessels
 at 12 came up to the fleet. Beluga
 4 whales Thrasher 3, Alexander 0,
 William Douglas 4, Newport 6, Hume 5
 Belvedere 2. We sent mail and some

packages on board the Belvedere
as she is just starting west
and then going to San Francisco.
It has come in thick fog as
usual.

Thursday Sept 13th

Thick Fog all day, ~~see~~ six ships
round us. Lay the ship aback at dawn

Friday Sept 14th

Clear weather, with fresh north wind
& snow storms at times. At 10 a.m.
raised a whale & lowered all 5
boats, then raised another, at
2:30 p.m. 4th mate struck a whale
and had it alongside at 4 o'clock
about 1800 lbs of bone. Hope to double
it tomorrow.

~~Thursday~~ 15th

Sunday 16th

Kept on towards Herschel Island
under sail, and did not see any
more whales.

Monday Sept 17th

Anchored off the Spit at the Island
at noon, found five steamers
and six sailing vessels at anchor.
Were glad to receive five letters and
a box of books from Mrs Hermann
which had come up on the steamer
"Fearless".

Tuesday Sept 18th
Newport & Anne went out cruising
J. & Freeman steamed over to
the south shore for wood.

Wednesday 19th Thursday 20th Friday 21st
Spent the time getting wood
and discharging it on the spit
at the Island. The shores are
covered with fine large logs of
spruce & cottonwood, which have
been drifted down the Mackenzie
& other smaller rivers for hundreds
of miles, and this wood forms the
principal fuel for winter consumption
and enables the Captains to reserve
their coal which is more plentiful
for the heavy work in the spring, that
is when the ships get out of winter
quarters and have to ~~work~~^{whale} among
the ice.

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd
Cruising north East of the Island
weather most of the time foggy, saw
no whales.

Monday Sept 24th
Strong N.E. wind. Tried to get
near the beach round Bay Point
to get more wood, but found too many
shoals. Kept off for S. West of the
Island, and anchored in 15 fathoms

of water at 5 p.m. The Thrasher
Alexander, Anne, & Newport all at
anchor along the beach. Our boatman
had a narrow escape while taking
in sail, a loose block struck him
and ~~knocked~~ knocked him in senseless
and cut his head badly.

Tuesday Sept 25th

Blew a strong E & gale. Both anchors
down.

Wednesday Sept 26th

Very beautiful day, with light E &
breeze, and almost calm sea.
It could not be more pleasant
today in San Francisco Bay.

The boats brought off about thirty
cords of wood, and then we cleaned
round to the ~~Island~~ to the winter
quarters and found all the
ships in - 15 all told.

~~The season begins~~ The last whaling
for this year has been done, and the
last whale caught by the St.
Anne on the 18th

St. Thrasher 4. Beluga 4. Kanauch

Thursday Sept 27th

The little Bay looks quite lively
all the ships are lying close together
and all the crews are ~~all~~ very busy

getting ready for winter. On board the vessels they are unrigging the whale boats and davits, sending down spars and sails, and the carpenters have commenced the work of housing over the decks. Dozens of boats are going to and from the ships loaded with wood to pile on the spit and provisions to store in the ware houses.

Young ice made last night

Friday 28th

Cold & Cloudy. Light E. N. wind

Saturday Sept 29th

Fine weather but getting colder
All ship crews very busy.

Sunday Sept 30th

Fine beautiful weather and warm.
There is a little snow on the ground.
This is the first Sunday that all work aboard ship has been suspended.
In the afternoon, all the ladies with their escorts went on shore, where, about three hundred men were playing & watching a game of baseball. A good many others were in attendance at a native dance outside one of the tents. Captain & Mrs Beck came on board for supper, after which we sang Gospel Hymns, assisted by "Captain McGuinness."

Monday Oct- 1st & Tuesday 2nd
Spent in towing a carcass off the
S. W. side of the Island, in company
with "Newpat", "Beluga", "Navareh" &
"Hume". finally got it off the beach
and towed it round to the station
and left it on the beach, for dog-
food. There are about a hundred
and fifty dogs at the station, & this
carcass (whale commonly called "Stinker")
will last them all winter.

Wednesday Oct 3rd
Cold and cloudy with sleet.
Finished ~~hanging~~^{covering} in the whale
house.

Thursday, Oct 4th
Fine clear weather, threatening a
cold snap. Nearly all the ships
are hoisted in, some with sails
but most of them have wood houses.
We all received an ^{invitation} ~~invite~~ to a house-
warming on the "Beluga", and as
this is the first party which has
been given at the Island, and
proved to be a very jolly one it is
quite worthy of mention. The
programme consisted of a very good
supper at 5.30 p.m. - the five ladies
in the dining cabin; after which
we all went on deck, where we
found a fine comfortable

were entirely covering the poop deck, and lit by two or three dozen lights - lanterns, and colored circle-lights. There was an excellent band of three pieces, violin, banjo & accordion and we were treated to all the latest - (up to March 1894) airs, and notwithstanding unpolished floor and extra heavy boots, we had some jolly dances. While the "old fogies" played whist (as usual) and a crowd of spectators crowded round the musicians at the end of the room and seemed to have lots of fun watching us trip the "light fantastic". Ice cream & cake, also beer & cigars were served during the evening & every one enjoyed their first informal Arctic Party.

Friday Oct 5th

Cold, raw weather, and strong signs of approaching winter.

Finished housing in the main deck with scantlings & sails, we have very little lumber, not sufficient for a small deck house. We found when we got to the Island that all the lumber had been sieged by the other steamers. Leaving the Freeman minus.

Saturday Oct 6th

Fine weather and no wind.

Sunday Oct 7th

at 6 a-m wind spring up from the S-W & soon became a strong gale which lasted all day. All ships had two anchors out, but none of them dragged. The S-W winds are the worst winds at this harbour, as they drive in shore. All things quiet in the fleet

Monday Oct 8th

Fine clear weather. Ships crews cutting ice at the pond. Went ashore with Mrs Cook.

Tuesday Oct 9th

Fine weather slight snow, the ice beginning to make. Called on board the Thrasher, & received an invitation to a party on board the Alexander.

Wednesday, Oct 10th

Fine weather but getting colder with light snow fall. Had the bulk head in my stateroom moved and every thing put in a terrible mess. At 4 p-m let out to the house - warming on the "Alexander". ~~we found~~ when we found great preparations had been made for a good time. At 6 o'clock, ten of us sat down to high tea. And as soon

as we cast our eyes over the tastefully arranged table, we ladies mentally decided that Mrs Green was blessed with the "Boss" steward of the fleet.

The menu consisted of - as far as I can remember -
 Lobster Salad & olives -

Oyster Pattes with French Peas

Real loaf with jelly -

Chops à la Française with Saratoga chips
 Butter rolls, Sea Biscuits

Bartlett Pears, with Citron & sponge cake
 and most delicious tea.

At ^{8³⁰} o'clock the evening guests began to arrive, several of the Captains brought musicians to swell the Band,

A part of the deck house was partitioned off for dancing and decorated with bunting & lanterns, the wheel house was occupied the entire evening by the "Old Fogies" who formed two tables for Whist & Cribbage. The men who could dance did their duty like majors, and the music was fine, to say nothing of the Hawaiian songs which were sung by three native boys. During the evening there was a liberal distribution of ice cream cakes & fruits, the spectators who were crowded in the background getting not being forgotten, Mrs Green wished everyone to enjoy her house warming when we got into our boats to go home at 12.30 we found brutes had begun in earnest, for every vessel was white

with snow & the water had its first
crust of ice.

Thursday Oct 11th

Snowing & freezing all day. The "Beluga"
settled into position for winter.

Friday Oct 12th

Freezing hard - All day the steamers
heaving up their anchors and getting
placed for winter. At noon the ice
strong enough for men to walk ashore.
The Freeman has a very good berth
and we hope to be able to remain
in it for good. The vessels are crowded
into close quarters.

Saturday Oct 13th

Blowing strong N.E. wind & snowing
Ships steady with lines run
ashore in case the ice should
break up. Bar. 29.55 Ther 18°
G. Oliver a sailor on the sick list.

Sunday Oct. 14th

At 12 midnight the ships began to
~~get~~ move, and we got up steam
and backed out of the ice & anchored
William Baylies dragged into Park
Northern Light. Thrasher & Alexander
went out to anchor. Heavy N.E.
gale & snowing hard.
Ther 12°

Monday Oct 15th
 Light breeze & freezing land. Got up
 steam and steamed into our position
 for winter. Got a fine bottle, the
~~sand spit on one side~~ Ship heading
 N. E. by N. the Sand spit one side
 "Thrasher" on the other & "Fearless"
 under our bow. Drawing 17 ft forward
 and $3\frac{1}{4}$ fathoms of water under the
 steam. Blew down the Port boiler
 this P. M. Bar 30.10 Ther 11°

Tuesday Oct 16th
 Fine land pleasant weather. Bar 30.10
 Ther 12°

This being Bertie Sherman's 8th birthday
 Captain & Mrs Sherman celebrated it with
~~party~~ on board the "Beluga". The deck house
 was elaborately decorated with bunting
 and lights, and one half the whole length
 of the deck partitioned off with flags
 and occupied by the dinner table
 which was tastefully laid for 25 persons.
 At 7 o'clock the party consisting of
 16 Gentlemen & ladies and the three
 little ones sat down and were served
 in the best style to an excellent five-
 course dinner. The unanimous regret
 being that our dear friends at home
 could not see how the poor "Arctic
 Exiles" were suffering, as we laughed
 and chatted over our good things.
 Of course Mrs Sherman would have to

congress that a paid had been made
on her private stores, as we certainly
would not have sung one run off with
the idea that the P.T. Co. provides
for the Bill of fare for dinner parties etc

1st Course After the evening was spent in dancing
Chicken and cards, Ice cream cake & coffee were served ^{during the evening}
Salad, Boston Mosaic by the "Herald Island Orchestra"
crackers. At 2 a.m. we put our weary feet
2nd Course into our messinkers & trudge home.
Oyster stew taking care to have the heaviest of the
hot biscuit men folks lead the way, this being
3rd Course the first day any of the ladies have
Roast Pork ventured on the ice, and we hear
Cranberry sauce there are numerous dangerous places
Crushed Potatoes where some unfortunate has tested
French Peas the temperature of the water. Captain
4th Course Corgon was not able to attend, this being his night
Sliced Pineapple Oct 18th Thursday (for taking a bath)
Chocolate cake. The ice is quite strong and pleasant
5th Dry fruits weather. Another took a ride on the
Auto & coffee new sled, which Captain Mac
Olives Mac Jones sent her this a.m.
Cigars Mrs Weeks remembered this was Mills
birthday, by sending him some fine
doughnuts and, with Captain Weeks
Captain McKenna & Mr Whitman
spent the evening with us.

Sunday Oct 20th

Fine bright weather, no wind. Took
some snapshots with Mr Barts
Kodak. In the evening the ladies with

their husbands came on board the *Pecunia* to sing hymns etc, and we had a very pleasant evening.

Sunday Oct 21st

Beautiful weather. Mrs Greene with the two children & myself took a walk to the ice houses this p-m. Everything looked beautiful in the ~~clear~~^{bright} 4 o'clock sunset light. The air was so sharp that when we got home, the our faces were very red & the fur fringes round our faces were covered with frost. We ~~with~~ with most of the other ships have changed our meal hours, Breakfast at 8.30 coffee, at 12 noon, and dinner at 4.30. The men are for the most part idle now, and this arrangement gives the cook steward & boys more leisure. Will changed the Cabin boy Lee for the Steward boy, and has taken Alice a foremast boy to wait on our Cabin. My brother Will's birthday today. (35 yrs)

Tuesday Oct 22nd

Received an invitation to a ^{birthday} party on shore, to be given by Captain Wilton of the *St. Newport*. This is surely the month of birthdays. Captain Duane celebrated his on the 13th by running into the "Portsmouth Light" but he did not send out invitations, and had the

Wednesday Oct 24th

Fresh S. W. wind and snowing,
we spent a very pleasant evening
at "Hotel Munk" where we all were
invited to celebrate Captain Linton's
birthday. The Party was in the usual
order, dancing, and cards for the
old fogies, who I am glad to say
are getting "beautifully less." for tonight
Captains Cook, Greene & and, Bates,
distinguished themselves in the square
dances. We had music and songs
by the Minstrel Troupe, and at
1.30 the Party ~~broke up~~ ended with
the "Good night" waltz.

Came home in a drifting snow storm

Thursday Oct 25th

Strong S. W. wind & snowing. Bar 29.95
Ther 10°

Have had "Madame Calio" to hanna-
hanna today & yesterday.

Thursday Oct 25th

Weather same as yesterday
Ther 10°

Friday Oct 26th

Snowing with light N. E. wind
Ther 10° Bar 29.95-

Saturday Oct 27th

Ther 8°. Mr. Ashley smoked
out the rats on the Freeman

and made a good job of it, as they found over a dozen dead all over the ship. nearly killed the Cabin boy butters and Canaries who were in the wheelhouse, when the gas rushed out to the air outside. News came in that one of our native hunters had shot himself with a shot gun, and is about dying at his "Eglo" where the other natives took him on a sled

Sunday Oct-28th

Fine Clear weather and bright sun. Had Seizure on the "Beluga" in the evening.
Ther 10°

Monday Oct-29th

Weather the same as yesterday.
Bar 30. Ther 90

Tuesday Oct-30th

Cold & Cloudy with light westerly wind. & slight snowfall
Bar 30 Ther 10°

Wednesday Oct-31st
Same as yesterday.

Thursday Nov 1st

Fine and clear light air from N.E. Sailors cutting ice from the

pond and hauling it to the
Ship. Bar 30 Ther 10.

Friday Nov 2nd
Cold and cloudy & snowing
Bar 30.10 Ther 8°

Saturday Nov 3rd
Strong S. W. gale blowing &
drifting snow.
Ther 2°

Sunday Nov 4th
Fresh S. W. wind and clear
cold weather.
Bar 30.50. Ther 5° Below 0.

Monday Nov 5th
Fine and clear weather, and
bright sunshine for a few hours
Men hauling ice with the
dog sled. I went out to take
a snap shot of the team, and
found the whole colony
of captives in wild excitement
over the arrival of the "St. Gilberts"
or interior Indians ~~with the~~
away out on the ice towards
the mainland we could
see a long line of natives
running quickly after their
dog teams in the direction
of the ships. Each sled was well

A sealman
on the
Kosario
sled of
Consul
today

loaded with deer meat etc & drawn
by from ten to twenty fine large
dogs, harnessed with yokes and
bells. Every ship wanted to secure
a sled of fresh meat, and in
five minutes a throng of
summers were making for
the approaching teams, and
grabbing the ~~first~~ owners of the
first sled they could reach. The
Indians might feel flattered
at their warm welcome. The
Freemans, being the outside
ship, had a good chance &
soon had a fine load on
the deck, natives dogs sled & all.
~~The~~ Some disputing was heard
~~over~~ the about source of the meat
as two ships claimed the same
load and people in this part
of the world are very loath to
yield up good food or any-
thing else for that matter.
The weather was colder today
than it has been, Ther 12° below
zero, and several unprotected
ears got nipped.

Tuesday Nov. 6th

Fine weather. Ther 4° below zero.
Some more Indians arrived with
deer meat. The Freemans got one
of the three they brought in.

A seaman
on the
Kosmo
died of
Consumption
today 57.

Wednesday Nov 7th

The whole population turned out this m - to see the departure of the "Igilihs" with their sleds loaded with trade and there were several Kodaks in the field. It is quite a pleasure to trade with these people ~~after~~ compared to the bother of bargaining with the natives on the coast.

The Igilihs speak good English and are very polite and what articles they want are all useful ones, either for food or clothing. Not one would touch liquor of any kind. Ther - today 2° below zero Pleasant weather.

Thursday Nov 8th

Pleasant weather. All the ships are banking up with snow, and we expect to have things snug enough when the snow is piled in a wall all round us. So far the cabins are very comfortable without a stove. We live during the day & evening in the wheelhouse which is very comfortable.

We still use our washroom as usual, and no pipes have us get frozen. There is a good stove in the forward cabin, a large one with a water back for melting ice

on the main deck, and one in
my canvas house on the poop.
Ther at zero.

Friday Nov 7th
Weather fine, Strong N. E. West wind
Ther at zero. Spent the evening on "Haddock"

Saturday Nov 10th
Weather fine, No wind Ther zero

Sunday Nov 11th
Weather dull, Slight snowfall
Ther at zero. Some "Haddock" came
in with deer meat. The Seaman
did not get any today. Will had
a letter come by them from
Mr. Stringer the missionary at
Peel River. These natives will
take back mail from us to
be sent out through the
Hudson Bay Company in the
N. W. of Canada.

Monday Nov 12th
Blowing fresh from S. W. Ther. 4° below
zero. Busy getting letters ready to
be sent out with the natives.

Tuesday Nov 13th
Pleasant weather fresh S. W. wind
during a-m. P-m clear and
cold Ther 10° below zero. Captain ^{Little} Porter

and Captain Simonson gave a party
at Hotel de Murry. All had a pleasant
time.

Wednesday Nov 14th

Blowing a gale from S. W. and
snow drifting. Ther 13° Below Zero
The "Itgilik" did not start with the
mail. It was too strong.

Thursday Nov 15th

The blizzard continues this a-m
and snow is drifted up round
the ships. At 4 p-m a man
belonging to the Thresher was found
frozen, having lost his way
between the shore house & the
vessels during last night's storm
and wandered off on the ice. His
feet face & hands are badly nipped
& he will probably lose some fingers.
Ther 17° Below Zero. There was a big
crack made in the ice, caused by the tide
~~Friday~~ several of the vessels ^{were} raised up
a few inches. and some of the snow
embankments gave way.

Friday Nov 16th

Fine clear weather no wind. The
ships look very pretty with snow
piled all round & the spar &
rigging covered with frost Ther 10°
Below Zero. The "Itgilik" started today
sent letters to mother. The girls

Two weeks, Mr. Kumbau, & a small boy
for Enos to Mr. Stinger at Fort
Peel. Our mail will reach San Francisco
N. Y. in June 1895.

Saturday Nov 17th

Clear beautiful weather & bright sun
from 11 a-m to 2:30 p-m, and twilight
till 4:30 p-m. The moon is up day
& night, so it is never quite dark.
now. Ther 10° Below zero. We take a
walk every day.

Sunday Nov 18th

Weather the same clear & bright but
colder, this morning the Ther stood
at ~~24~~²⁶° below zero. We all took
a walk over to the shore and watched
the men & and Tobogganing
across home on a dog sled, and
did not believe, till I took at the
Ther that it was then 20° below
with the sun still above the horizon.
The only time we feel the cold much
outside is when the wind blows.
One of our men Fred Loyer was taken
very sick this p-m.

Monday Nov 19th

Blowing from S. W. during p-m
Ther 15° Below zero.

I had a bad fall ~~over~~ from the
wheelhouse into the passageway, saved
all my bones, & got well shaken up. Left

Mrs. Sherman & Bertie came for dinner
& spent the evening playing solist

Tuesday Nov ~~17th~~ 20

Weather fine & clear. Ther. 15° Below.

Wednesday Nov 20th

Strong N. E. wind all day. Clear
& cold. Ther. 16° during p-m. Bar 29.90

Dined on board the "Navarok".

Thursday Nov 22nd

Cold & Cloudy Strong N. E. wind
Sun not out during all day.

Ther. 18° Below. Pers! Bar 29.48

Friday Nov 23rd

Cloudy weather, moderate N. E. wind.
Busy all day sewing with
Old Mary. In the evening had an
informal dance on board "Poluga"
Ther. 18° Below Pers. Bar ~~29.75~~ 30.55

Saturday Nov 24th

Fine & clear. Light airs N. E. All the
captains busily engaged in putting
a new covering on the Billiard table.
The cloth was donated by Captain Greene.
At 4:30 we heard sled-bells out
on the ice. The officers ran out and
got three "Igilik" sleds having altogether
about 750 lbs of deer meat and a few
skins. There were six sleds came in
this lot. These natives had travelled

from the "Rampart House," a Hudson Bay station, on the "Porcupine" River a small branch of the Yukon, and about 160 miles from Herschel Island. They all speak a little English. Ther 20° Below Bar, 30' 60". Snowed during night 4 inches.

Sunday Nov 25th

Cloudy, but much warmer Ther 5° above zero. The snow is quite slushy underfoot. We took a short walk and called to see Captain Pummer on board the Bark "Horatio" Bar 29,800

Monday Nov. 26th

Calm & Cloudy. Red sky in the East Ther, at 10 a.m. above zero. Bar 29,90
Mrs Necks took a flash light picture in Cabin

Tuesday Nov 27th

Cloudy with fresh East wind. Itzilik left for the "Rampart House". The meat they brought weighed 735 lbs. Bar 30- Ther 12 above at noon.

Wednesday Nov 28th

Fine clear calm weather. Sam left us today. Busy making preparations for "Tomorrow Thanksgiving" Ther zero Bar 35, 30⁵/₁₀

Thursday Nov 29th "Thanksgiving"

Fine cloudy weather. Breeze from E.N.E. Ther 4° below zero at 8 a.m. Bar 29,70

There were no outdoor sports as the wind was too cutting. All the Captains who have their wives ~~dined~~ on their own vessels and entertained the Batchelors and "grass widowers" and everybody took in the Ministerial Performance in the evening.

Twenty young men from the crews of different ships have organized a Company and dubbed themselves the "Herald Island Snowflakes" and this was the first Entertainment given out of compliment to the Ladies, tho' the invitation cards included everyone. It was given on board the "Beluga" and was very good in every respect. Music, Specialities & Costumes. I have paid \$100 for a much poorer performance in San Francisco. The Ladies provided a fine supper for the Performers, which was served on board the Thrasher. So ends Thanksgiving day 1894.

Friday Nov 30th

Clear & colder, little N. E. wind

Ther 2° below zero. Bar 29.75

Edw. Whitman & I took a flash-light picture of the minstrels.

Saturday December 1st

Cloudy weather and light N. E. wind.
Jules the Boatstealer on the Thrasher

who was frozen about two weeks ago
had six fingers and two toes
amputated, by Captain Sillou.
Bar 29.70 Ther 2° Below

Sunday Dec 2nd

Clear weather with light northerly
wind, nearly everyone out on
the hill on toboggans & skis
Bar 29.75 Ther at 10 a-m 2° Below

Monday Dec 3rd

Calm & cloudy weather.

Bar 29.70 Ther 8° Below Zero
Received invitation to a ladies
lunch on Fearless, & a dance
on the Bark Northern Light
both for Wednesday 5th

Tuesday Dec 4th

Fresh northerly wind and cloudy
dark all day today.

Had the stove put up in my cabin
and spent the day with Mrs
Spence, dressmaking.

Bar 30.00 Ther 14° Below at 9:30 P.
P-m Strong S.W. wind Ther 22°
Below Zero Bar 31.10

Wednesday Dec 5th

Strong gale still blowing from
S.W. Bar 30.29. Ther at 10 a-m
24° Below Zero. P-m 26° Below 0

Lunch on the "Fearless" and dance
on "Northern Light" postponed till
tomorrow on account of weather.

Thursday Dec 6th

Blizzard still on, & increasing
Lunch party postponed indefinitely
Enjoyed the Party, given by
Captain Cogan on the "Northern Light"
very much, though it took all
my moral courage and a good
escort to get me there in the
teeth of the wind & blinding
snow. Coming home was not
so bad as the wind was at our
back.

Bar 30, 38. Ther 30° Below zero.
People at home would think
us crazy to go to a party in such
weather, but where ladies are
so scarce we have to muster
in full on all such occasions.

Friday Dec 7th

Wind still blowing more
southwesterly and getting colder.
Ther at noon 21° Below at 4:30
p - m 29° Below.

I find my cabin more comfortable
with a stove. But the ship is
warm all over.

Saturday Dec 8th
 Continues to blow from S.W. and snow
 drifting
 Bar 29.95 Ther at 10-a-m 18° below 0
 P-m gale broke and clear sky, Bar
 Steady. Ther 20° below 0.

Sunday Dec 9th
 Fresh N.E. wind & cloudy
 Bar 30.10 Ther 24° below 0

Monday Dec 10th
 Wind still fresh from N.E.
 Captain ~~Wicks~~ Captain & Mrs Wicks gave
 a party on board the "Thrasher" to celebrate
 the Captain's birthday. We had dinner
 at five o'clock, and cards & dancing
 till supper, and everyone had
 such a good time that some ~~did~~
 not want to go home when the party
 broke up with the Virginia Reel at
 2:30 o'clock. The music was furnished
 by the "Herschel Island Snowflakes"
 Bar 30.20 Ther at 10:30 a-m 31° below 0

Tuesday Dec 11th
 Fine weather, daylight from 11 to 1
 o'clock. Bar 30.30 Ther 34° below 0

Wednesday Dec 12th
 Cold & cloudy weather, calm
 Bar 30.30 Ther at 10:30 a-m 30° below 0

Thursday Dec 13th 1894

Cold & cloudy weather

Captain McKenna's lunch for the Ladies came off today, and we were all pleased that the weather was better than it has been for a week.

We enjoyed our luncheon very much and were served with an excellent seven course lunch, and entertained most pleasantly by Captain McKenna and Mr. Philham.

Bar 30.10 Ther at 10 a - m 32° below 0

Broke a piece off a front tooth, & was ~~weeks~~ ⁱⁿ bed Friday Dec 14th (Harry died.)

Fine and cloudy weather, light westerly wind & dark or nearly so all day. Bar 30.05 Ther 34° below 0
Spent all day dressmaking with Mrs Greene.

Saturday Dec 15th

Clear all kinds Strong N.E. Wind
Took a short walk with Will, but found the wind too keen to go far. Bar. 30. Ther at 10 a - m 32° below 0

Sunday Dec 16th

Light westerly wind and cloudy weather but quite light for three hours. Mr. Ashley took us for a good ride in the sleigh. The dogs pull splendidly, we had under the team. Bar. 30.15 Ther at 10 a - m 32° below 0

Monday Dec 17th

During a-m Blowing hard from N. E Bar 28-30
Ther. 32° below zero

At noon less wind. P-m wind strong from
S. W. with drifting snow. Ther 26° Below 0 Bar 29°

At midnight last night The chief Engineer
Mr Peake died, very suddenly of heart disease.

He has been subject to slight attacks of heart trouble
and on Friday last had a more severe attack.

Yesterday he felt well and went about the ship
as usual and spent the evening chatting with
friends in his room. He had retired and was
lying reading in his berth when he felt the
attack coming on. He got out of bed, saying to
Mr. Henry the 1st Assistant who was also lying
reading - "Jim I think I am going to be sick".
He got to a chair, but never spoke again. Mr
Henry tried to raise him, and called for help.
The Mate 2nd Mate Captain & myself ran in.
The Captain applied restoratives & sent for the
Doctor, but no one could call back the life
that we all knew was gone.

We all feel this sad event very much, not only
on account of the suddenness, but because Mr
Peake was well liked by all, & we feel we have
lost a good shipmate and a pleasant companion.
The Captain has a bad cold & cough.

Tuesday Dec 18th

Calm cloudy weather, & much warmer. Bar a-m
29. 30. Ther a-m 12° Below zero.

At 2-p.m Mr Peake was buried in the spot which
has been ^{allotted} for a burial ground. The funeral was

was conducted with Masonic Rites, as far as was possible to do so, and was attended by about 500 people, including the Captains and three ladies.

Captain Porter was laid up with severe cold and could not leave the ship. Captain Tilton read the Service.

6 P. M. Wind blowing strong from S. W. and much colder. Bar 29.90.

Xmas

Tuesday Dec 19th

Fine weather and calm all day.

Ther: at noon 10° above zero. Bar 29.60

Thursday Dec 20th

Calm and warm weather, no wind
Ther at noon 14° above zero Bar 29.70

Friday Dec 21st

During a. m. fine & calm Ther 6° above zero. P. M. Fresh N. W. breeze, lasted a few hours. Bar 29.80. Shortest day

Saturday Dec 22nd

Fine and calm during a. m. Ther at zero. P. M. slight snowfall Bar 29.30

Sunday Dec 23rd

Fine & warm weather, breeze from N. E. lasted a few hours. Ther at zero Bar 29.30.5 Captain has been laid up all this week with bad cold & cough.

Monday Dec 24th
Weather still warm, and Captain still
laid up with cold, which seems to be
an attack of acute Bronchitis.
Am too busy waiting on him to make
any or much preparation for Xmas

Xmas Tuesday Dec 25th
Weather same, and getting warmer.
Will seems a little better today, still
in bed. Dorothy woke bright and early
(9-a-m) to see what Santa Claus had
brought her. About a week ago she sent
him a letter, which she told one of the
officers to leave in a hole out on the hill.
Well she got all she asked for in a
great deal more in the way of toys, books
aprons, and a lovely stocking stuffed
with everything good & pretty.
A delightful letter from Paula Claus
came tucked between the bed clothes of
a dear little cradle. I don't think
the children at home ever had a
nicer one from their Xmas friend. Poor
Mr Peake spent his last efforts on a
little brass basket for Dorothy, and though
not quite completed when he died, his
friends finished it and sent it to her.
~~But~~ This made me more sad, and, added
to my longing for home and the dear
ones, especially as I feel worried about
Will's cold. Nearly everyone called to
wish us a Happy Xmas and, it was

late in the day before I got time to look over the pretty gifts I received from each of the Ladies and some of the gentlemen of the Fleet. We were delighted with the contents of Captain Weeks box. Two loaves of fruit cake, two quarts of mince meat, a quart of preserve, a sweet doll & some fancy work. I also received some fruit cake from Mrs Lusk in Alaska, from dear Dr Fletcher, a lovely book, with her photo inside. I wish she knew how pleased I was to find it.

Dinner consisted of chicken soup, roast pork & English plum pudding. Captain Weeks took Dotty to the theatrical performance on board the "Beluga" in the evening, and I ran over to bring her home at 11 o'clock.

The weather is so warm outside we can scarcely bear our fur clothing.

Sunday Dec 30th

The weather during the week has been so mild, no one has ever seen it so warm at this time of the winter before. The thermometer rose up to 28° above zero and calm almost all the time. Yesterday, there was a fall of snow during a - and a little

wind from S. W. Today, more snow
and blowing at 7 p.m. a strong gale
from S. E. with snow drifting
Ther - a - m 18° above zero Bar 30.30
Everyone has been toboggaining & sleighing
this week. One day Dorothy & I rode on
the dog sled to the slide, & I had made
two delightful ascents on the Skeys
with Captain Siltord & Captain Scott
holding me, one on each side. There
were several accidents through careles-
ness. On Tuesday night three men
ran away. Two from the Thrasher
and one from the John & Mudthrop.
a good many dogs were also missing
& Three of the dogs returned two days
later, and news came from a white
man living on the shore about 6 miles
from here, that ~~they~~ they had passed there
and told him they were bound for
"the mines", wherever that may be.
They will probably never get back alive
to the ships, now that they have had
good weather to travel in. The Bliggars
that is coming on will be more than
they can stand. They were provided with
rifles ammunition, spades & picks
which they had stolen from the ships.
Captain Pater still laid up, and
feeling very weak. I have unchained
once in the last two weeks.

Monday Dec 31st

Light fall of snow Fresh E wind
Ther still above zero Bar 30.40
Mrs Green gave Mrs Charnock
a surprise party on board the
"Beluga" the New Year was ushered
in with firing of guns booming of
whistles etc and I kept watch
making flaxseed poultices for Bill.

Jan 1st
(1895)

Tuesday January 1st 1895

Fine & pleasant weather. Calm
Ther above zero. Bar 30.20
Nearly all the Captains called to
wish me a Happy New Year. Bill
was too sick to see any one.
Minstrel's performance on board
the "Beluga" which was pronounced
very good.

Wednesday Jan 2nd

Strong gale from the Westward
& drifting snow. Bar 30. Ther above

Thursday Jan 3rd

Weather same as yesterday
Bar - going down to 29.30 Ther 10 above

Friday Jan 4th

Calm all day. Weather much
colder. Ther gone down to 25°
Below zero by night time.

Saturday Jan 5th

Cold & Calm. Ther 30 below Bar 30.50
Will got up on the lounge & I went
down to the slide for a little while

Sunday Jan 6th

Light N. E. wind & pleasant but
very cold, we could not walk about
without rubbing our faces to avoid
freezing. Ther 35 below zero. Bar 31.0

Monday Jan 7th

Fine clear weather. Very red in
the South at noon, and six hours
of good daylight. Will walked
over to the house & received a
warm welcome. It is three
weeks since he went out, & is
very weak yet. It has been
the longest three weeks I have
spent on the J. N. H. Ther at noon,
30° below zero. Bar 30.40. Beautiful
moon light nights.

Tuesday January 8th

Fine and pleasant weather. Bar 30.20
Ther 28° Below zero.

Wednesday January 9th

Fresh N. E. wind & snowing
Bar 30.15 Ther 1° Below zero.

Thursday January 10th
Fine cloudy weather, moderate N. E. wind. Bar 29.98. Ther 17° Below 0

Friday January 11th
Cloudy & light fall of snow
Bar 29.66 Ther 16° Below 0

Saturday January 12th
Fine cloudy weather. This is the day the sun should be seen again, but the sky was too cloudy. Bar 29.80. Ther 18° Below 0

The 7th anniversary of our wedding
Sunday January 13th
Thick weather & fresh westerly wind
No sun today. Bar 30.20. Ther 20° Below 0

Monday January 14th
Fresh N. E. wind and thick weather. Bar 30.40. Ther 22° Below 0.

Tuesday January 15th
Fine clear cold weather. Light N. E. wind. Sun appeared for 40 minutes
Bar 30. Ther 23° Below zero.

Wednesday January 16th
Cold & cloudy fresh N. E. wind
Mrs Green celebrated her birthday by a party on board the "Peluga"
Bar 29.80 Ther 20° Below 0.

to N. S. N.
low 0

Thursday Jan 17th
Fine and pleasant weather Light
wind from North. Sun out about 1½
hours. Bar 30. Ther 22° Below 0.

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ay was
18° Below
ding

Friday Jan 18th
Fine cold weather. Sun out. Everyone
down at the slide coasting & Cheyung
and trying to get smashed up
generally. Nearly every day some
one comes home limping.
Bar 29.90. Ther 26° Below 0.

ly wind
in 20° Below

Saturday Jan 19th
Thick Cloudy weather. Bar 30 Ther 18°
Below 0.

thick
low 0.

Sunday Jan 20th
~~Pleasant~~ Fine & pleasant weather & calm.
Sun out 3 hours in honor of
my 30th Birthday.
Bar 29.90 Ther 27° Below 0.

light N.E.
minutes

Monday January 21st
Fine cloudy weather Bar 29.90
Ther 20° Below 0.

Wind
with day
large

Tuesday Jan 22nd
Fine clear weather. Sun out
Mrs Cook & I are making preparations
to have a party on shore to-morrow
night. Bar 30. Ther 8° Below zero.

Wednesday Jan 23rd

Fine & pleasant. Sun out.

Bar 30. Ther 8° Below 0.

Our party was given on board the "Beluga" instead of at Captain Munnig as his Steward was suddenly taken ill. We had only a few hours notice to prepare the deck house of the "Beluga", ~~for~~ but everyone set to work with a will and cleared the ice from the sides & roof, decorated and draped the whole place with flags, sunny lamps and Chinese lanterns, waxed the floor for dancing and arranged the five tables for "Progressive Whist" which was to be the first feature of the entertainment. At seven o'clock the deck room looked as bright and cosy as any one could wish. ~~and~~ This being the first card party we have had everyone enjoyed the novelty. The prizes which had been rather a source of worry to our Cook & myself were, 1st Ladies Painted wall pocket, 1st Gentlemen a very handsome cribbage board made by the mate of the Bowarch Ladies' Room, wooden bear pots, Beans, Gentlemen's Room, miniature Bowhead decorated with ribbon, which had the words "They're after me" painted

on it. Captain Meeks won this prize
 Mrs Green the Ladies books. Captain
 Sutton the 1st gentleman & (little)
 Captain Porter who played Lady
 for the occasion won the 1st Ladies
 prize. After supper we danced
 till three o'clock. Everyone complimented
 us on the success of our party and
 all agreed it was the ~~plea~~ prettiest
 we have had yet at Herschel Island

Thursday January 24th
 Cloudy weather and light N.E.
 wind.
 Bar 30.20. Ther 8° Below zero

Friday January 25th
 Fine cloudy weather and light
 N.E. wind. The Captain shipped
 Mr James May as first assistant
 Engineer.
 A theatrical performance was
 given on board the "Beluga" by
 the ship's speciality company.
 A discussion arose among some
 of the Captains' wives about
 the refreshments etc.
 Bar 30.40 Ther 6° Below zero

Saturday January 26th
 Fine cloudy weather, light
 westerly breeze in the a.m. Calm
 p.m. We took a ride in the new

dog sled, down to the "Slide"
The coasting is very good, though
rather dangerous.
Bar 30.40 Ther 4° Below zero

Sunday January 27th
Fine and clearer than it has
been for some days. The sun was
out for several hours. Will, Bartley
& I walked over to the grave-
yard, it was very cold, going
in the teeth of the north wind.
Bar. 30.40 Ther 8° Below zero.
I have been much interested
in a book of sketches & notes from
the different journals of Arctic
explorers.
Bar. 34.40. Ther at 8 a-m 8° below 0.

Monday January 28th
Cold & cloudy weather fresh S. W.
wind.
Bar 30.45 Ther 28° Below 0.

Tuesday Jan 29th
Comes in with strong N. W. gale
and drifting snow. This will probably
be the commencement of a
blizzard.
A hunter got in with 2 deer.
Bar 30.20 Ther 22° below 0

Wednesday Jan 30th
 A howling blizzard.
 Bar 30.40 Ther 24° Below 0.

Thursday Jan 31st
 Weather rather worse than better
 and big snowdrifts every where
 Still we managed to get to
 the "Horatio" to attend Capt's Benjamin
 Haggarty & Coffin's Whist Party.
 Captain Lilton carried Dorothy
 while I was dragged along over
 the drifts by Will & Captain
 Mc Linn. We did not regret going
 for inside the ship's house
 everything was as pretty & cozy
 as though such a thing as
 wind & ice were unheard of
 except in a road & shelter, which
 we found very acceptable after a
 few lively dances.

We found the gale still holding
 sway when we started home
 at 2.30 a.m.

Bar 30.60 Ther 21° Below 0

Friday February 1st
 Blowing hard still during a.m.
 P.m. less wind and a little
 warmer

Bar 30.80 Ther 18° Below
 I have done a good deal of
 sewing this week being unable to
 get out of doors on account of weather

Saturday February 2nd
Continues to blow a gale from S. S. W.
all of our bad weather is on a high
Barometer
Bar 30.80 Ther 21° below 0.

Sunday February 3rd
Fine and pleasant weather. Sun
out bright. Light northerly airs
Bar 31.00 Ther 29° Below 0

Monday Feb 4th
Cloudy with fresh westerly wind
Bar 30.80 Ther 18° Below

Tuesday Feb 6th
Fine and clear Sun out bright
Light wind from all points
we all went down to the "Clide"
Bar 30.75 Ther 22° Below 0.

Wednesday Feb 6th
Fine & pleasant weather Light
northerly airs.
Will Dorothy & I went coasting
but it was too cold to stand
it long for ~~our~~ our faces would
get nipped before we knew it.
Bar. 30.60 Ther 33° Below 0

Thursday Feb 7th
Cloudy weather fresh S. E. wind
Light snow fall in the P. M.

Bar 30.20 Ther 27° Below zero
 Mrs Whitman gave a very pleasant
 Party on board the "Thrasher".
 Progressive Whist & dancing, Will
 took a ladies part in the "Whist"
 & won the 1st prize which I
 appreciated very much as it was
 a handsome Tortoiseshell hair-
 pin.

A sailor reported lost from the
 "Alexandria". He was with other men
 getting dog-meat on the other side
 of the Point, and complaining of
 being frost bitten started for
 the ships. He has not reached
 them, or been found by
 searching parties.

Friday Feb 8th

Fine clear weather. Light N. E.
 airs. Mr Donaldson while going
 to get dog-meat this morning
 found the sailor who was lost
 last night. The poor fellow was
 not able to walk or speak,
 Both feet & hands badly frozen.
 There is no hope he can live.

I was weighed today, also Mrs
 Weeks & Mrs Cook.

Mrs Cook 131. Mrs Weeks 105. Myself 113
 Dorothy had a present from Captain
 Tilton, of a lovely sleigh.

Bar 30.00 Ther 18° Below 0

Saturday February 9th
Fine beautiful weather, with
warm southerly breeze at times
the snow is melting on the
South side of the ships, and
the air has a delightful feeling
of Spring. The Captains played
their first game of "Ball"
& the ladies were among the
spectators.

Dorothy engaged her sleigh today
with "Koby" to pull her and
her good friend Antoinette to guide
them, for over two hours.

Ther. at noon 32° Above

Sunday February 10th
Thick foggy weather with light
West wind.

We took a walk round the ships
and found the air damp &
chilly.

Bar 30.10

Ther 5° Below zero.

Monday Feb. 11th

Cloudy weather with westerly wind.

The Carpenter took off the a Composition

Plate on the Stem of the ship to

look for the leak, but did not find

any signs of it.

Bar 30

Ther at 8 a - mat zero

Tuesday Feb. 12th
Thick weather and light
S. by E. wind

The man belonging to the "Alexander" who was frozen last Thursday night died this morning. He had been kept under the influence of opiates so has not suffered much. The cause of death was internal injury.

Blotup grey petten has been sick for some time & it died this morning. I felt sorry about account but was completely brokenhearted when on going to clean the birdcage he found poor "Richy" lying dead on the bottom of the cage. He seemed quite well yesterday & I cannot think what was the matter with him. I have taken such good care of him all through the cold weather I hoped he would live to go home with us.

Bar. 29.90. Ther 5° Above 0.

Wednesday Feb. 13th

Thick weather, moderate S. by E. wind
Captain Greene buried his sailor who died yesterday
Bar 30.20. Ther 8° Below.

Thursday Feb. 14th

Fine cloudy weather & light N.E. breeze

Wootty received three pretty Valentines
and sent three. Mine was a
very appropriate and acceptable one
(A barrel of granulated sugar from Captain
Lilton)

Bar 30.20 Ther 6° Below zero

Friday Feb 15th

Cloudy weather moderated. W. wind
The air is damp & every piece of
rigging on the vessels is covered
with fringes of frost.

Bar 30. Ther 8° Below zero.

Saturday Feb 16th

Cloudy, with drifting snow Strong
gale from N. E. W.

Bar 29.90 Ther 5° Below zero

Sunday Feb 17th

Continues to blow a blizzard from
N. E. W. making it unfit for light-
weights like myself to be out. With
the ~~only~~ exception of yesterday & today
Wootty & I have taken a walk
every day this week, though the wind
has been too keen to allow us to
stay out more than half an
hour at a time.

I have made six quarts of sweet
pickles this week, and finished
some bed linen. My days are
not long enough to accomplish

much work. We don't often have breakfast before eleven, and in the evenings generally some of the Captains come in & stay till midnight talking & playing cards, "Solist" usually, so I don't get much chance to sew or do fancy work.

Bar. 30.10 Ther 20° Below zero.

There have been three deaths this week among the natives, a woman, a girl & a new-born baby. The latter was allowed to die as the mother did not want it.

Monday Feb. 18th

Fine clear weather with light N. E. wind

Bar 30.20 Ther 29° Below zero

Tuesday Feb. 19th

Fine clear cold weather

Bar 30.20 Ther 34° Below zero

Wednesday Feb. 20th

Cold cloudy weather Light N. E. W. wind
A sailor died belonging to the Bark
"Briton" died today of ~~consumption~~ consumption
The "doctor" had been treating him for
Typhoid fever.

Bar 30.10

Ther 20° Below zero.

Thursday Feb. 21st

Fine clear cold weather. Light N. E. wind. A Theatrical performance was

given by Dick Frys Specialty Company
on board the St. "Beluga" this evening.
Bar 30.15 Ther 28° Below zero

Friday Feb. 22.

Fine cold weather. Hags were all
waving in honor of Washington's
Birth day. In the afternoon a
game of Base Ball was played
between the foremast hands, and
officers of different ships.

The foremast hands won 7 to 6.
In the evening Captain Murray
Captain Seawell gave a party in
Captain Murray's house, and we
all had a pleasant time.
Bar 30.05 Ther 32° Below zero

Saturday Feb. 23rd

Fine & clear weather.

Bar 30.10 Ther 32° Below zero

Sunday Feb. 24th

Cold cloudy weather. Light N. E. wind

Bar 30.15

Ther 36° Below zero

Monday Feb. 25th

Light N. E. wind. Sun out at
times

Bar 30.20

Ther 22° Below zero

Tuesday Feb 26

Fine Clear cold weather with Light
N.E. wind

Bar 30.20 Ther 28° Below zero

Wednesday Feb 27th

Gale blowing from N.E. Sun out
at times. This has been our coldest
day of this winter.

Bar 30.10 Ther 42° Below zero

Thursday Feb 28th

Cold & Cloudy with light N.E.
wind

Bar 30.20 Ther 20° Below zero

Friday Feb 29 March 1st

Cloudy with a light fall of snow.
Moderate N.E. breeze.

Bar 30.30 Ther 16° Below

We had dinner and spent the
evening on board the "Quaker".

Saturday March 2nd

Cloudy weather with fresh N.E.
wind.

Bar 30.10 Ther 6° Below zero

Sunday March 3rd

Fine Clear weather with light westerly
wind

Bar 30.20 Ther 5° Below zero.

Monday March 4th

The same weather as yesterday
Bar 30.20 Ther 7° Below zero
There is a game of Baseball played
everyday on the ^{ice} ground beyond the
ships.

This is Mother's birthday, and
yesterday was Mrs. Jacobs birthday.
So tonight we gave her a surprise
Party & New England Supper on
board the "Thrasher".

Tuesday March 5th

Cloudy and cold with fresh
N. N. E. wind.

Bar 30. Ther 10° Below 0.

Wednesday March 6th

Fine & pleasant with light N. N. E.
wind.

A match game of Base Ball was
played between officers & boat steers
& won by the latter.

Bar 29.80. Ther 5° Below 0

Thursday 7th

Strong gale from the westward
& snowing all day.

In the evening cleared up & we
took a walk over to the Igloos.
About ten o'clock several hunters
came in with a pretty good
supply of meat for different
ships. Reported our natives on the way.

home.

Bar. 29.90 Ther 0

Friday March 8th

Cloudy weather with light westerly wind & snowing hard.

Our natives Cukook & Muraug got in at noon with four deer & dozen fish & two grouse. They have been over a hundred miles. Cukook

brought me a Badger skin coat.

One year today since we left home

Bar 30.20

Ther 0

Saturday March 9th

Cloudy weather with light air from north. The snow is over a foot deep on the level & the drifts round the ships are like walls to separate the vessels' ^{back} yards.

Bar 30.

Ther 30 Below 0

Sunday March 10th

Fine & pleasant weather Light N. N. E. wind

Bar 30.10 Ther 2° Below zero.

Monday March 11th

Cloudy weather with moderate S. W. wind, and light snow storm.

Bar. 30.10 Ther at zero.

Tuesday March 12th

Cloudy weather and fresh N. S. W. wind

Wednesday March 13th
Sun out at times, light N.E. wind
Fred the sailor and the two native
boys went out to the westward
hunting.
Bar 30. Ther 2° above zero.

Thursday March 14th
Clear cold and wind from N.N.E.
Bar. 30. 20. Ther 8° Below zero

Friday March 15th
Clear and cold with fresh N.E.
wind. The Ladies and their
husbands were invited to dinner
on board the "William Baylies."
Only Captain Mrs Weeks Captain &
Mrs Cook Will & Dorothy Pater accepted
Mrs Sherman and Lothoche.
Mrs Green has retired from society
& I had one of my vile headaches.
In the evening a Performance
was given by the Minstrels in
honor of "St Patrick"
Bar. 30 30 Ther 20° Below zero.

Saturday March 16th
Clear and cold with light N.E.
wind.
Bar 30. 30. Ther 22° Below zero

Sunday March 17th
Fine clear cold weather, this being.

St. Patrick's day, there was a strong desire among some of the Irish boys to show their loyalty to their patron Saint but not receiving much encouragement (otherwise "tough") their patriotic feelings calmed down by night time and all remained peaceful in the quarters.
Bar 30, 30 Ther 20° Below zero

Monday March 18th
Clear and cold with light N.E. wind
Bar 30, 40 Ther 22° Below zero
We had a very pleasant card party & dance on board the "Beluga" this evening. It was got up by the Ladies in honor of Captain McKenna who some time ago told us "in fun" that his birthday came on St. Patrick's Day. So we gave him a good Irish celebration, gorgeously mounted in green. It was all a surprise to him and he was quite overwhelmed when he was presented with a banner, crown, & necktie, all in the national hue. The Ladies wore apple green ~~bow~~ bow knots, & the gentlemen clover leaves cut from green cloth. The "whirl" prizes were decorated with green, and after supper of Brown bread, Beans, & Pumpkin pie, which was Irish-Americanized, the musicians played a number of Irish airs for dancing till the "wee sma' hours".

Tuesday March 19th

Fine and clear with moderate N.E. wind.

Bar 30.10

Ther 22° Below zero

Wednesday March 20

Fine clear cold weather with light N.E. wind.

Bar 29.95 Ther 30° Below zero

I have begun the third little shirt for the little stranger.

Thursday March 21st

Fine clear cold weather, fresh breeze from N. N. W.

Bar 29.90

Ther 30° Below zero

Friday March 22

Cloudy weather, light snow falling. N. N. W. breeze.

Bar 29.90

Ther 30° Below zero

Saturday March 23rd

Strong W. S. W. wind and drifting snow. Clear weather & bright sun

Bar 30.20

Ther 28° Below zero

Sunday March 24th

Clear cold weather with W. S. W. breeze, moderating during P.M. Bright sun, about 14 hours day-light.

Bar 30.70

Ther 28° Below zero

Mollie's
little girl
born

Captain
C. E. Beck
died

Monday March 25th
 Cloudy and calm weather,
 Jackson the sailor run away, with four other
 sailors from different ships. They left
 in the night taking their clothes,
 some provisions, rifles, ammunition
 and two small sleds.
 At 8 p.m Jackson came back with
 one toe frozen, having lost quit if he
 ever possessed any, which is doubtful
 Bar. 30.70 Ther 10° Below zero

Tuesday March 26th
 Cloudy weather, light N.E. breeze
 Bar 30.50 Ther. 18° Below zero

Wednesday March 27th
 Strong Gale from Westward and cloudy
 Bar 30.20 Ther. 20° Below zero

Thursday March 28th
 Fine clear cold weather, light Westward
 air.
 Bar 30.20 Ther 28° Below zero

{ Mollie's
 little girl
 born }

Friday March 29th
 Fine clear weather, fresh E. & E wind
 { Captain } The 2nd Mate of the Wanderer reports
 { C. E. Beck } seeing the Kunaways East of the
 { died } P. H. Sand - spit
 Bar 30.10 Ther 28° Below zero

Friday April 5th

Fine warm cloudy weather

Bar 29.10

Ther 5° Below zero

My Log with many other things
in the "Encanter" has been put
aside for a week, only the absolutely
necessary work has gone on, and
it will be many weeks before people
will recover from the sudden and
dreadful blow which came to us
in the death of Captain Weeks, which
occurred at 7 p.m. on last Friday
the 29th of March. We have always
thought with dread of the possibility
of sickness & death in this far away
corner of the Earth, but no one
dreamed of such an accident
as this, which would have been
dreadful if it had happened to
any one of the men on the ship,
and we who have been so closely
associated in every way for the past
year, feel that ~~we have lost~~ almost
a family tie has been broken, for
Captain Weeks was a favorite with
everyone and a "friend" in the truest
sense.

(note)

At 5.15 P. M. Captain Charles Weeks
fell from between decks, striking
we suppose the keelson and then
the skin of the ship. He was
insensible when picked up
and died at 7 o'clock. He was

quite conscious when he died. His collar bones were crushed in and there was apparently some injury in the back.

Saturday March 30th

Cloudy weather fresh N. S. W. wind all the P. M. Mr. Co Captains take turns sitting up with Mrs Beebe. The blow has made her very low.

Bar 30

Ther 12° Below 0

Sunday March 31st

Fine clear weather and fresh N. E. wind. Captain Beebe's remains were laid up in the ice house to await the arrival of the "Jennie" when they will be taken to San Francisco.

Captain Linton read a short but impressive service and a hymn "Hear ye my God to thee" was sung by all who could conveniently come on the "Thrasher's" deck.

Then the casket was placed on a sled, and draped with the "Union". A large body of men and all the Captains and ladies followed to the vault.

Our attention was given then to poor Mrs Beebe, who needs the most tender care. I stayed up with her last night, and will take turns with Mrs Cook in doing so till she is a

little stronger.

Bar 29.95 Ther 15° Below zero

Monday April 1st

The same as yesterday

It is arranged for Captain Murray to take charge of the "Thrasher" & he will go on board at once. This is a great comfort to Mrs. Neek, as she will be able to stay in her own home, and have one who is as a dear friend of her husband to take his place.

Tuesday April 2nd

Cloudy and cold with strong westerly wind

Bar 29.80 Ther 10° Below zero

Wednesday April 3rd

Cloudy weather with fresh N. E. breeze

Bar 30. Ther 5° Below zero.

Thursday April 4th

Cloudy, light airs from everywhere.

Bar 30.10 Ther 5° Below zero.

Friday April 5th

Clear at times, and some light snow. Our hunter "Orijak" came in with 27 lbs deer meat, some fish & wolf skin. Reports bad travelling

Bar 30.20

Ther 2° Below zero

Saturday April 6th

Clear weather and light N. E. wind
Bar 30.80 Ther 6° Below zero

Sunday April 7th

Cloudy. Bar 30.20 Ther 8° Below zero

Monday April 8th

Cold and clear. Bar 30.10 Ther 20° Below zero

Tuesday April 9th

Fine and clear, wind light northerly
"Onigak" left for Camden Bay. Also
small boy "Krusuk" with him.
Bar 30. Ther 5° Below zero

Wednesday April 10th

Came in clear bright sun. Will &
Mr Whitman took several pictures
some with the large camera.
A sailor on the "Rosario" died this
morning, he had been ill some
time. ~~Two~~ Two sailors and the
two native boys came in at midnight
brought about 400 lbs of meat & 6 grouse
Bar 30. Ther 8° Below 0

Thursday April 11th

Fine and pleasant weather. Piga the native
hunter came in from Cape. Brought
65 lbs meat, 10 grouse and some skins
Bar 30 Ther 10° below zero

Friday April 12th (Good Friday)
Clouds in cloudy and dull weather
light fine snow falling. Have one of
my bad headaches all day. A
theatrical performance was given
on board the "Beluga", will spend the
evening with Mrs. Creeks.
Bar 29.85 Ther 10° Below zero

Saturday April 13th
Changeable weather, with strong
N. N. W. wind during p.m.
Bar 29.65 Ther 8° Below zero

Sunday April 14th (Easter)
N. N. W. blizzard all day, during
p.m. more northerly, snow
drifting round the ships
Bar 29.70 Ther 8° Below.

Monday April 15th
Strong N. N. W. wind, sun out at
times. Mr. Ashley & Pija went out
hunting today. Took two native
boys & two dog teams.
Bar 30.15 Ther 8° Below zero

Tuesday April 16th
Fine cold clear weather. Mr. Stinger
arrived with nine Igillies sleds at
2 p.m. He brought a few Canadian
papers of last August, no mail or
news of much importance from the

outside world. A mail will arrive at
 Fort McPherson in about two weeks and
 the Captains are making arrangements
 to send in for it by the Itkillies. So it
 it will reach here in four or five weeks
 at the most. Mr. Stinger is a very
 welcome visitor, and will remain at
 the Quarters several weeks. He received
 the boy I sent him for furs, and
 brought me in return several pair of
 moccasins, gloves, and a specimen
 of the choice de table delicacies of
 the country. Some deer tongues, a
~~moose~~ Moose nose & heart, and
 a Beaver's tail, which last is considered
 a great delicacy.

Bar 30.20 Ther 8° Below zero

Wednesday April 17th
 Fine clear weather.

I tried the deer tongues boiled for
 dinner, and found them delicious
 Bar 30.30 Ther 6° Below zero

Thursday April 18th

Fine and clear weather, light N E
 wind. Bar 3.30 Ther. 10° below zero

Friday April 19th

Fine & clear weather, cold with a little
 N. N. E wind at times. A number of
 natives came in from McKenzie River,
 had very little meat, & some furs. Mr.

Stinger has put up a tent to use for
services for the natives while he is here.
Will bought me a nice muskrat robe
~~from~~ ^{which} Mr Stinger brought from the Fort.
Bar 30. 30 Ther 10° Below zero.

Saturday April 20th
Fine warm day. The snow all thawing
round the ships, and decks starting
to leak. Some of the Captains have
begun to remove the banking from
their vessels. I printed a lot
of fine pictures on Aristo paper which
Mrs Sherman gave me.
Bar 30. 30 Ther 8° Below zero
at noon 49° Above ..

Sunday April 21st
Continues fine & pleasant, with light
S. E. air. Mr Stinger held Divine
Service in the Company's House in
the afternoon. A great many attended
and enjoyed the service & music very
much. Put from Tent 4. 29. "Look ye the Lord, etc"
Bar 29. 90 Ther 8° Below. zero
noon 20° Above "

Monday April 22nd
Cloudy with fresh S. W. wind, P. in
fine & bright. Exciting game of
Base ball between the Captains & Quarters
~~Score~~ 6 innings played, 26 to 9 in
favor of the Captains.
Bar 29. 90 Ther 0

Tuesday April 23rd

Fine clear weather. Calm all day. Six bears seen on the north side of the Island.

Bar. Mrs. Sherman gave a little dinner for Mr. Stringer, who is at present staying on board the Freeman.

Bar. 30.20

Ther 0 at noon 38° Above

Wednesday April 24th

Cloudy weather, light airs from all points. At 4.15 p.m. sudden gale started from the South West

Bar. 30.50

Ther 5° Below, noon 30° Above

Thursday April 25th (Dorothy's Birthday)

Strong S.W. wind, clear at times. Dorothy had a little dinner party and a Magic Lantern Show in the evening.

Captains McJannet, Liddon & Beavitt, Lucy, and Bertie were the guests. She had a very happy day, and several nice presents.

Bar 30.

Ther 28° Above.

Friday April 26th

Strong S.W. gale. Cloudy weather. Commenced taking the bunking away from the Freeman

Bar 29.95

Ther 20° Above

Saturday April 27th

Thick weather with strong westerly wind and snowing. Bar 29.90 Ther at 10° Above

Sunday April 28th

Comes in fine clear weather. The snow is disappearing quite fast. Captain Logan is quite ill, with cold on his lungs. Also the boy on the John & Lindthrop is ill with fever. A native child died last night. Mr. Stringer held Service on the Beluga's deck for all.
Bar 29.90 Ther 30° Above zero

Monday April 29th

Cloudy weather with light snow falling Bar 30.10 Ther 20° above 0

Tuesday April 30th

Clear and cold weather & light North wind. Tom buoys a seaman ran away from the Freeman with a man from the Sch. "Rosario".

Wednesday May 1st

Clear and cold with fresh westerly wind no flowers in bloom, but flocks of little birds are seen round the ships. A theatrical performance was given on board the Beluga, in honor of Mr. Stringer, who enjoyed it immensely. Mr. Ashley, Joe, Fred and ship's team came in with nothing.
Bar 30 Ther 8° Below zero

Thursday May 2nd

Cloudy weather with strong S.W.

wind and snowing. Captain Logan is
much better, but Rich is very low
Bar 30 Ther 8° Below

Friday May the 3rd
Fine clear weather & light E. wind
employed taking away the banking
Bar 30.10 Ther at coldest 6° below zero

Saturday May 4th
Clear cold weather, the water is
overflowing round the ships, and
several of them have come up.
Bar 30.30 Ther 5° below zero

Sunday May 5th
Cloudy weather, light E. & wind and
falling snow. A number of Itgillies
left for the "Kampart House," and
carried a mail to be sent via the
"Yukon River." I wrote to Mother the
children, and Mrs Weeks in Alameda
also to Mrs Weeks sister in New Bedford
Will wrote to the children. Mr Stinger
held Service today on the Beluga. A
large number of men were present
besides the Captains.
Bar 30.30 Ther 5° Below zero

Monday May 6th
Tuesday May 7th
Fine pleasant weather. Twenty seven
Itgillie sleds came in with deer meat

The Freeman had three sleds, 600 lbs meat
1 wolf skin & a number of moccasins.
Bar 6 Ther at zero

Wednesday May 8th
Fine beautiful weather, snow melting
fast. At 6:30^{a.m.} Mrs Sherman gave birth
to a little girl. The first white child born
in the Arctic Ocean. She will be named
Helen Henschell.

Will bought me ten beaver skins from
Killie, an old Kopek Indian. Also got
16 fox skins from Inuaklurah the
new hunter.

Bar 30, 38[°] Ther. 45 above zero

Thursday May 9th
Cloudy & warm, with light snow falling
at times. The Hunter Piza & Mecanne
came in this a.m., brought 397 lbs
of fine meat. The Styllies left at 10 a.m.
We were weighed with the meat
scale today. Will 234, Dorothy 51, Lucy 59
Bertie 34, myself 114. Will has gained 6 lbs
since Feb 23rd. I have gained 1 lb since
same date.

Bar 30, 30. Ther at coldest 2° below

Friday May 10th
Fine weather, light N. N. E. wind.
At 8 p.m. a meeting was called at the
Company's house for the purpose of discussing
a possible way to stop the Lignos Trade

Among the natives living here and on the
 Coast ~~East~~ of Herschel Island also to the
 natives, ^{known as} Igillies living inland. The Rev
 J. O. Stinger acted as chairman, and
 spoke of the difficulty of getting any results
 from his mission work, while the influence
 of liquor ~~had~~ such a bad effect on
 the natives, who would, with a few
 exceptions rather trade their meat &
 furs for liquor than anything else, knowing
 that they could get it. The Hudson Bay
 Officials have been taking an interest
 in the matter, and of course wish that the
 liquor traffic was stopped. The matter
 was discussed from all sides, & it was
 finally decided to draw up a petition
 asking the Captains to promise not to
 give liquor in any way to Igillies, or
 Rogovics, and to give as little as possible
 to the Inurats, ^{unless} hunters, belonging
 to the vessels. So far this winter the Captains
 have found it impossible to get work
 or hunting deer done by the natives
^{unless} they gave them a small quantity
 of liquor to carry out on their sleds, also
 giving them a drink when they came
 in with a load of meat. All acknowledge
 that this is not a good plan; but the fact
 that there are so many vessels here, and
 all need the meat, makes it necessary for
 those that would not willingly give liquor
 to do as the rest do or go without deer-
 though a great deal more liquor than has been

careful, has reached the natives especially those living to the Eastward, & among whom Mr Stinger has been working, & whom he particularly desires should be kept free from the bad influence. Some of the Captains have sent quantities of ~~strong stuff~~. The Igillies with a few exceptions do not want liquor, & so far they have not received any from the ships here.

The Paper was presented to all the Captains and signed by all, & it is hoped that this movement will have a good result.

Saturday May 11th

Fine & pleasant weather with light northerly wind. Pige & Inuah Inuah, & little Joe went off hunting today overland mail
Box 30-25 Ther at O. arrived

Sunday May 12th

Fine & pleasant weather, a little colder than yesterday. Divine services were held this p-m on the St Beluga, during which Mr Stinger baptised Captain Sherman's little four days old daughter. Giving her the name Helen Herschel. Mrs Captain Green Mrs Green, Captain Smith & Mr Polys acting as sponsors. The baby appeared in its best bib & tucker and behaved beautifully during the ceremony. Mrs Sherman was not able to go on deck but listened to the service through the open skylight & Captain Sherman

performed his part in a most praiseworthy manner.
At 7 p.m. Mr. Stringer administered the Sacrament
of the Lord's Supper to Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Peter, Mr. Hunt and
Rich. Brook the cabin boy on the John & David ship,
who is still laid up, & in a very weak condition.
Bar 30.28 Ther 2° Below at 8 p.m.

Monday May 13th

Cloudy and cold. Light N. E. wind Sun above
the horizon 24 hours. No open water up to
date, a few ducks & gulls have been seen. Peter
an Itgillie came in with 203 lbs of moose
meat. A subscription has been started for
the benefit of starting a mission at Kisch
Island. It has been the intention of the
Church Mission Society to establish a mission
here, as soon as the necessary funds could
be raised. Nearly \$500. was promised by
the Captains and officers of the ships here, and
a letter was sent to Bishop Keene of the
McKenzie River Diocese requesting him
to appoint Mr. Stringer ~~here~~ if it is
decided to have a permanent missionary
at this place.

Bar 30.30

Ther at 0.

Tuesday May 14th

Clearing weather & cold with light N. E. wind
Bar 30.40 Ther 2° Below zero.

Wednesday May 15th

Cloudy weather, light fall of snow all day
At 8 p.m. Mr. Stringer and Peter sent the

native who brought in our mail from Fort Buchanan
left for the Eastward. We sent a large mail
to go out by the McKenzie River in July
Bar 30, 30 Ther 0.

Thursday May 16th

Fine & clear weather with fresh breeze from East
Breaking out coal & filling the Bunkers
Bar 30, 10 Ther at 20° above 0.

Friday May 17th

Fine & pleasant, moderate S. W. wind. The
Fresnoan came up at 7 p.m., 3 feet
forward, and went down 14 inches aft.
All our coal is out. About 80 tons.
Bar 30. Ther at coldest 22° above 0.

Saturday May 18th

Cloudy in the a.m. with light westerly wind
P.m. blowing a gale and snowing. Wind
N. S. W. Ship making the same amount
of water as last fall.

Sunday May 19th

Fresh N. E. wind and clear weather.
P.m. light breeze.
No services today, & most of the men
playing or witnessing the Base Ball
Games.
Bar 30. Ther 24° above.

Monday May 20th

Fresh easterly breeze and cloudy

Tuesday May 21st

This has been our first real Spring day. The snow on top of the Island is disappearing fast and around the ships there are pools of water. Open water seen N. E. of the Island today the Foremast windlass, which was broken last Fall was taken apart and repaired Bar 29.80 Ther 35° above at coldest.

Wednesday May 22nd

Fine and pleasant weather, light E. wind. All ships are busy taking off houses from the decks and bringing ~~things~~ ^{gear & chests} from the beach where they have been lying all winter. Plenty of water running off the Island, and so much round the ships that it is very difficult to walk around. Dick is getting better fast, I went to see him today in a sled, made into a ferryboat. Bar. 29, 80 Ther 40° above. So warm in the middle of the day we cannot wear a wrap, and the men are casting off their fur clothes.

Thursday May 23rd

Still beautiful weather, getting fresh water in casks from the streams running down the hills. Bar 29.80 Ther 40° above.

Friday May 24th

Fine and pleasant weather. Finished printing

and taking down aloft. 2 sailors on the sick list with croup. We all forgot that this was the Queens birthday till sundown so there was no hunting out. It has been an exceptionally fine day for the 24th of May. As I used to remember it at home, it was was always stormy.
Bar 29.80 Ther 35° above

Saturday May 25th
Still beautiful warm weather, men employed all day cleaning bore and pumping fresh water on board. I have been busy taking photographs all this week, and have had very good luck with them, now I have water running in the wash room again it is much easier for me. Made a blue flannel dress for Dorothy and began two paintings.
Bar 30: Ther same as yesterday

Sunday May 26th
Weather the same. Had a nice walk with Will along the beach & called to see Captain Green who is laid up with cold. Have taken in 500 barrels of water.
Bar Ther the same as yesterday

Monday May 27th
The same as yesterday. The blacksmith of the Navarch died today, has had

violent hemorrhages from the lungs for
some days. Mr Allen, third mate of
the Newport broke his collar bone by
having a cask roll on him.

Tuesday May 28th

All hands cleaning and washing
bone. It is splendid drying weather.
The Hancock's Blacksmith was hurried
at 2 p.m. I took several photos
of the bone on the deck.

Wednesday May 29th

Beautiful weather still. Bundled the
bone of two heads, 28 bundles, weighed
3264 lbs. Started to paint our after
cabin. We have moved beds into
the wheelhouse to sleep there while
the cabin is ^{being} painted.

Thursday May 30th

The same good weather. All the ships
are flying bunting, this being "Memorial
day". There is a slight frost during
the night.

Friday May 31st

Continues fine light N. E. & S. E. E.
wind. I took "jags" photograph & pleased
the old fellow very much.

Saturday June 1st

Fine still. Have begun painting ship

Sunday June 2nd

Fine & pleasant. We went up to the top of the Island & could see open water about 12 miles off the N.E. of the Island. We found a number of sweet little flowers. The snow is nearly gone from the Island.

P.M. light breeze from N.W.

Monday June 3rd

Cloudy & light fall of snow, a great change from the weather of last week, still it is warm & the ice is getting very rotten.

Ther at 6 P.M. 2° Above freezing

Tuesday June 4th

The same weather as yesterday. Strong N.E. wind. I have been busy all day fixing up my cabin. At 9-30 P.M. Captain Murray while examining a revolver at the back door of his house, shot and killed a Esquimaux native named Eumuk.

Ther at 6 P.M. 2° Above freezing.

Wednesday June 5th

Fine & pleasant weather. Light N.E. breeze. Painting the Ship & fixing the boats.
Bar 30.10

Thursday June 6th

Fine & pleasant weather. Have my cabin all finished, put up new curtains and it looks very fine.

Bar 30. Ther 50 at noon

Friday June 7th

Came in clear & pleasant weather. Hunters Piya & Enuarlana came in with

400 lbs of meat. Travelling is very hard for the dogs. They left about 35 deer that they had shot out on the land, & brought all they could carry. P. M. strong S.W. gale & very high tide.

Bar 29.90

Saturday June 8th

Fine weather. Bar 29.80

Mrs Weeks came on board for the first time in two months. Will & I took photos of the Seehouses & the graves.

Sunday June 9th

Came as yesterday. Ships of open water off N.E. end of the Island.

The Cooks Captain Seltou & his sons & ourselves walked to the bluff.

Bar 29.80

Monday June 10th

Wich fog all day. Packed out hunters Piya, Enuarlana & Eugisuk, and they all left for the mainland to be gone all summer. Bar 29.80

Tuesday June 11th
Came in with blue fine weather & fresh land
wind P-M - foggy
Bar 30

Wednesday June 12th
Same weather freezing during the night
all the ships are painted inside & out
& look very fine.
Bar 30

Thursday June 13th
Fine pleasant weather. Ernestine is twelve
years old today. Took the casks of beef
& pork on board today a man & barrel
of beef fell through the ice, both were
rescued without, for one was salt &
the other was dirty.

Friday June 14th
Strong N.E. wind & clear weather.
Bar 29.90 Spent the day on board "Beluga"

Saturday June 15th
Fine & pleasant. I took photos of St. Leopold
& Captain Sawilto's whale-bone in a m.
P-M Mrs Cook came to ask us to go
on shore for a walk. So spent the
afternoon on the beach. The Sige Mate
got back from a fishing trip. Found
it very difficult & dangerous travelling
over the ice. A man belonging to the
"Beluga" fell through a rotten place

and was drowned & one of our natives was
nearly drowned trying to save him.
The ice is getting thicker round the ship
& some men are using their slings

Sunday June 16th

Fine warm during day with light wind
At 5 P.M. blowing a gale from S.W.
and raining at times
In the afternoon Bill Captain McInnis I
went over the Island to get wild Anemones
Bar 29.98

Monday June 17th

Fine weather with fog at times.
Bar 30.05

Tuesday June 18th

Thick fog & light N.E. wind at 10 o'clock
clearing.

In the morning Captain Deeks box was
removed from the Ice house to the Pioneer
Building, where it will remain till shipped
to San Francisco. There was a heavy thunder
storm in the evening. About 15 lightning
came from the Rampart house. They
did not bring any meat & were almost
starved.

Bar 29.95

Wednesday June 19th

Came in with strong westerly breeze and
rain. P.M. wind S.E. strips of open
water N.E. of Island.

Thursday June 20th

Fine and pleasant weather. Filled the
ships boilers this a.m.

Friday June 21st

Fine and pleasant weather. Hauled the
ship astern and got up steam and
went outside the ships in a good
berth. Thresher also getting ready to
move.

Bar 29.90

Saturday June 22nd

Fine and pleasant weather. Sch Rosario
& John & Winthrop adrift at anchor.
M. D. Hume & Newport tied up to the
beach. Ice is going fast.

Sunday June 23rd

No open water outside of the Island.
We went ashore & tried to get ashore
by the graveyard this p.m. & dumped
Captain Cogswell & Captain de Luis
overboard from a cake of ice.

Monday June 24th

Fine with moderate breeze from N.W.
Bar 30.

Tuesday June 25th

Pleasant weather. Strips of open water
S. E. of Island. I took Dorothy & Bertie
to pick flowers and decorated Mr
Eaker's grave. The Island is covered
with flowers of all kinds & lovely colors.

Wednesday June 26th
 Strong N.E. breeze. The ice in the Cove is
 rubbing down to the S.E. Shore
 Bar 30.05

Thursday June 27th
 Fine and pleasant weather. Ice all out
 side the Ships.

Friday June 28th
 Bright clear weather. Light N.W. wind
 Ice coming back, & the ships drifting
 together. Quopal came out where we
 are and dropped anchor.

Saturday June 29th
 Fine and very warm. Open water
 reported off the S.E. of the Island.
 Brothy & I spent the afternoon
 at the graveyard with Mrs Cook
 we covered the graves with flowers.
 Had a very hard time getting ashore
 in the boat as the ice is all in again
 and crowded together.

Sunday June 30th
 Foggy all over the Island. The ice has
 all gone out again and the Cove is
 clear to the Point of the sand spit.
 Captain McKenna & Mr Whitlam & Captain
 Lillon came off for dinner.

Monday July 1st (Communion Day)
Fine and pleasant in the morning. For
during P. M. Reports strips of open water
Flags hoisted on all the Steamers in honor
of Mrs Porter who it is surmised is a
"French Canadian".

Tuesday July 2nd
The same weather - Fog at times
Bar 30.10. The men are all practicing
for the sports to be held on the 4th.

Wednesday July 3rd
Fresh breeze from N. N. E. Ice crowding
down in the Bay. All the vessels are
waiting a chance to get out. The Officers
have had their whale boats down to
try the sails, and had some exciting
races this P. M. Mr Ashley, the mate of
the Freeman, in the language of whale
men cleaned out all the boats in the
Bay. Bar 30.15

Thursday July 4th (Independence Day)
The day's celebration began early in the
morning, with firing of guns, tooting
of whistles, etc and all the ships flying
every bit of bunting possible, made a
very gay appearance in the Bay. The
sports were held on the sand-spit
with the exception of the Tub race
and Greasy Pole performance & lasted
from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. In the

"Eastward"
"Ho"

evening there was a boat pulling race.
between fourteen boats, with picked crews.
The Freeman's boat won by three boat
lengths. Captain Haggarty of the Hilton
took a party of the Captains & their wives
round the Bay in his Steam Launch
and all enjoyed the trip very much
especially the call made on board the
St. Davonch, when Captain Cook treated
the company to Champagne.
The day was very fine throughout, but
at night a thick fog set in.

Friday July 5th
Continues fine with N. E. breeze. All expect
a chance to get out went up on the hill
to see how much water was open. At
7 p.m. the ice started to crush in
on the spit & leads closed up along
the beach. No chance to get out today.
Spent the evening with Mrs Weeks on the "Thetis".

Saturday July 6th
Fine weather, fresh N. E. breeze.
Ice started to fill in the Bay. Freeman
had to move to get out of the way.
Spent the day with a sick headache
and did not see Mrs Weeks.
Mrs Sherman & Mrs Green are also going
to live on shore while the ships are whaling.

Sunday July 7th (Left Winter Quarters)
Comes in calm & very warm. Ice opening
up outside of the Spit - Got up steam at

"Eastward"
"Ho"

9 o'clock & started. "Navarch" started at 7 o'clock
and all the other steamers left later
in the day & got stuck outside the Cape
Fresh breeze from the East shut up the
leads in the ice. At 9 p.m. came to anchor
off Pine Point and started the men ashore
to wood. The mosquitoes were so thick that
some of the men were overcome & could not
work. Managed to get a good pile of
wood notwithstanding. I never saw such
swarms of the wretches as were around the
ship & the men said that on shore they
were ten times as thick. Charlie Walker
came on board & brought a letter & package
from Mr. Stringer. He has been to Fort
McPherson & came down the river with
two natives in a canvas boat.
The Navarch & Kewpat are here at
anchor.

Monday July 8th

Strong breeze from S.E. for which thank
Providence, as it has blown the
mosquitoes off shore. At 7 p.m. breeze
moderated & hove up anchor & started
Eastward. At 11 o'clock thick fog. Came
to anchor off Geary Island in $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms

Tuesday July 9th

Calm lovely weather. Got under way at
8 o'clock A.M. working small flat ice
in $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms of water. Came to anchor
at 2 P.M. off Pelly Island in 3 fathoms
Beluga & William Baylies at anchor.

at 7 o'clock hove up anchor and all straits
open leads as far as we can see
Bar 30. Captain & Mrs Cook came on board.

Wednesday July 10th

Fine and pleasant weather. Plenty of open
water. At 12 noon came to anchor in 5
fathoms west of McKinley Bay, the ice is
hard on the land beyond this point
open water to the Southward. The ship's
boats went ashore ducking & found
a number of natives, who came off
to the ships. They had a few fish &
two or three skins. They belong to the
Kogonolies & live farther Eastward; have
never been to Herschell Island this
winter.

Thursday July 11th

Fine and pleasant weather with fresh
North wind. At 7 a.m. hove up anchor
& turned Eastward once more. At 10 a.m.
came to anchor in $3\frac{1}{4}$ fathoms. Found the
ice hard on the land ahead, with a strong
current setting along the land, and the
ice moving about all the time so we
had to move too till at 7 o'clock a
lead opening we steamed into it
This point is Cape Brown.

Came to anchor at 10 o'clock at Cape
Hallouie, in $3\frac{1}{2}$ fathoms. The ice is still
in Liverpool Bay on the other side of the
Cape, ~~and~~ between us and Cape
Bathurst the goal we are trying to reach
and where we hope the whales will be

found. The Captains all say that they have never before found the coast so clear from ice between Herschell Island and this point, in fact they have never been able to reach Cape Vallouise as early as we have this year. There are 9 steamers with us.

Friday July 12th

Lay at anchor all night. The ship's boats went ashore after deer & ducks and found the water so shoal that they had to wade to the beach a long distance. The herport's men shot five deer, the Belugas and Kawasch's people got two or three. Our men brought back about thirty fine ducks and a bucket of eggs, most of which were too old to use. The Steward found enough good ones to make omelettes for the Officers supper & I made a cream cake for Dorothy & Captain Tilton. We also got some grouse. At 1:30 we up and started to cross Liverpool Bay the ice having checked up ahead. Steering North East, at 4 p.m. struck shoal water very suddenly, making a jump from 9 fathoms to 5 - then 4 then 3 & 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. When we started to back off blowing the whistle to warn the steamers which were following us the herport steamed by and found

the water more shoal ahead, so we all turned round and came back to an anchor at Dalhousie at 5 p.m.

Saturday July 13th

Fine and pleasant throughout with fresh north wind. At 7.30 a.m. started, steering N. N. W. to clear the shoal we struck yesterday. Worked ice for about two hours hazy way across the Bay. There was about a 3 knot current setting in the Bay. At 5 p.m. came to anchor off the north side of Brailie Island in 7 fathoms of water. The Beluga got ashore & was pulled off by the St. Newport. Ice heavy off the shore with some leads. There are a number of natives here. They have seen no whales yet this year.

Bar 29.70

Sunday July 14th

Fine pleasant weather. At 3 a.m. all steamers started off shore cruising, found very little open water. At 11 a.m. the Newport struck a whale, which proved to be a calf at 2 p.m. the Mary H. Hume struck a whale & lost him in the ice. Beluga lowered boats at 7 p.m. no whale.

Monday July 15th

Thick weather and fresh S. E. wind. Laid up to a floe. The Newport struck and lost a whale.

Tuesday July 16th

Clear and Calm. Cruising all day

and night among ice. Day strong
current setting E.S. E along the shore
towards Cape Bathurst.

Bar 30.

Tuesday July 17th

Started at 4 A.M. Steaming along
the shore, Eastward, the ice ~~gathering~~
close in to the shore in places.

Spoke the Beluga, with one whale, at 2 p.m.
raised a whale close to the ship &
lowered, but all vessels were under
steam & the whale was not seen again.

Steamed East as far as Lady Franklin's
Bay. Passed the Burning Hills a
little East of Cape Bathurst, which were
spoken of in the accounts of Dr. Cluise
& Colishovs Arctic explorations.

The land along the shore is very barren
looking, an almost unbroken expanse of
low ^{steeply} cliffs which ~~are~~ down the sides of
which the streams of water from the
melted snow & ice have formed deep
fissures at almost regular intervals.

Out of the side of the cliff two separate
lines of white smoke are always rising
at times so thick that the whole cliff
appears to be on fire, and the natives
living on the coast say that there
are boiling springs in the vicinity.
It was not possible to go ashore
and investigate as to the truth of this as
the ~~the~~ current was running four
miles against us, and there was no

safe anchorage for the vessel.

At 12 midnight tied up to a big floe
Bar 30.

Thursday July 18th

Cruising with fine weather. There are
five sailing vessels in sight at anchor
east of Baillie Island.

Friday July 19th

Squally weather with wind from all
points, and heavy showers of rain.
Very little water off the land. Unbroken
ice as far as the eye can see. No
whales seen today. Came to anchor
7 miles east of Baillie Island. 5
sailing vessels and all the steamers
except the "Fearless" at anchor.
The Bark "Northern Light" reported
ashore off "Valkousie". Bark "Linton"
also went ashore, but got off.

Saturday July 20th

5 a.m. Started cruising under sail with
fresh east wind. Ice solid 5 miles off
shore so there is little room to cruise
in and less chance of seeing whales
till the ice moves off. Came to anchor
at 7 p.m. Saw some deer on the bluff
ashore. Had to move as the ice started
in again and crowded the shore.

Bar 30.

Sunday July 21st

7 a.m. Set sail and started cruising

It came on thick fog and the ice started
inshore again so at 2 p.m. tied
up to a floe. The Peard is seen coming
Bar 30.05 from the Eastward.

Monday July 22nd

Fine weather. Cruising. We went in
shore quite close to the smoking hills.
The soil on the cliffs is full of sulphur
which we find is on fire in many
places and for miles there are signs
where it has been burning at different
times. I took some snap shots, but
as there was little wind, the ~~fire~~
~~was~~ smoke was not pouring out
in such clouds as it does when
there is a good breeze to fan it.

Tuesday July 23rd

There are 14 vessels in sight. We steamed
out to the Pack which is about 6 miles
off shore & tied up to it. Saw nothing.

Wednesday July 24th

All ~~the~~ vessels at anchor off Baillie
Island. Sent a boat ashore fishing, and
got 23 fine fish. Captain Haggarty
came on board to ask for water, having
had to leave his overboard when the
"Lion" got ashore.

Thursday July 25th

Fresh breeze from July E all the sailing

Started west. The "Thrasher" also started across Liverpool Bay. Sailing and steaming.

Friday July 26.

Most of the day thick fog. All steamers ~~lost~~ at anchor. We got a lot more fish today.

Saturday July 27th

Fine and pleasant weather. Steamed to N. about 12 miles and tied up to the Rock, comes in thick fog. All steamers near us.

Sunday July 28th

Fine weather. — Wind N. E.

Monday July 29th

Cruising, fine weather with light N. E. wind.

Tuesday July 30th.

Thick weather all day.

Wednesday July 31st

Hazy weather with breeze from N. E. Open water off shore as far as we can see this a.m. Steamed out to the Rock and found it only 12 miles off shore. At noon steamer "Thrasher" lowered boats and steamers "William Baylies", "Newport" & "Fearless" had boats down at different times, no whales taken.

Thursday Aug. 1st

Thick with westerly wind. Rock about 8 miles off shore. Nothing seen this day.

Friday Aug 2nd

Strong breeze from N.E. at 11 P.M. lowered all boats for a whale & chased 5 hours, then boats lost sight of the whale, and were called on board.

Saturday Aug 3rd

Fresh N.E. wind and fog squalls. Freeman and 5 other vessels lowered boats today, but no whales were taken. Came to anchor at 6 P.M. Barks "Händler" & "John & Mindthrop" about two miles in chase of us at anchor.

Sunday Aug 4th

Fine and pleasant weather, no wind. Saw the "John & Mindthrop" had her flag halfmast at the huiyee, and sent the mate down to her. He came back and reported that the cabin boy Dick Brook had died at 4 o'clock this morning. He took a fresh cold after leaving Herschel Island, and has gradually sunk. He recieved every care that could possibly be shown him from Captain Simmons, but he had never recovered from the severe illness which laid him up for over two months at the Island. He was buried this evening at Cape Bathurst about two miles East of the sand spit. Latitude $70^{\circ} 36''$ Longitude $177^{\circ} 45'$ West. He was 21 years old and belonged to London, England.

Monday Aug. 5th

Fine and pleasant weather. No whales seen today. Pack 8 miles off shore. Bar 29.00

Tuesday Aug. 6th

Moderate westerly wind & strong current setting East. Freeman, Kavarach, Alexander, Beluga, Munderes, & Rosario chased whales, which were going west fast. Current too strong for the boats to get near enough to strike. The Rosario laying some distance to windward of the other ships struck a small whale at 4 o'clock. Thraske, M. R. Hume & William Baylies started west at 8 p.m. Bar 29.00

Wednesday Aug. 7th —

All steamers started west this A.M. found a good deal of ice in Liverpool Bay. At 11 p.m. came to anchor off Cape Brown. Pack 8 miles off shore. Newport chased & missed a whale here.

Thursday Aug. 8th —

Light airs from all points, all vessels going west, & came to anchor at 7 P.M. in a thick fog off Pullen Island. Pack close in shore here. Bar. 29.70.

Friday Aug. 9th —

Cloudy & light N.W. wind. All steamers except Kavarach still going west. We had to keep in 5 fathoms of water. plenty of heavy scattering ice everywhere, and off shore the unbroken Pack as far as we can see. P.M. Blowing a gale from S.W.

Saturday Aug 10th

Blowing hard from S. N. Laid up all day to drifting floes. "William Baylies" & "Alexander" with us. Bad weather with rain squalls. Bar 29.40.

Sunday, Aug 11th —

Fresh breeze from West. Set for the floe and worked ice around the edge of the Pack to the S. N. in 5 fathoms of water. Spoke the Bark "Horatio" at 7 P. M. off Shingle Point. She had one whale. We shot a large bear today from the deck of the ship. Bar. 29.55.

Monday, Aug 12th

Steamed into Herschell Island, to look up the "Mr. D. Hume" who is reported disabled and has gone in to anchor in tow of the "Newport." Found "Thrasher" Newport & "Mr. D. Hume" at anchor in the Bay. The latter had broken her (cross-head (some part of the engine gear) in the gale. So we stayed at the Island all day while our engineer was helping to repair the damage. We found the Ladies at the Station & Mrs Green who is keepers house in a mud hut, all well and delighted to see us again. There was no sign of the "Fender" so in company with the Newport we left at 6 P. M. for another cruise.

Tuesday, Aug. 13. th

Going East again. for the most under sail. Saw one whale - who was traveling. Bar 29.70.

Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Cruising East. Spoke several sailing vessels with one whale each. anchored at 8 P. M. Thick fog. Bar 29.80

Thursday, Aug 15th

Thick fog. All day anchored at Pullen Island

Friday Aug. 16th

Fog at times saw several steamers but no whales. Steaming N. E. Bar 30.10

Saturday, Aug 17th

Fresh N. E. wind. Saw 2 whales going fast to windward. "Thrasher" steaming to westward close to our boat - whale galloped etc, etc,

Sunday Aug 18th

Strong N. E. wind & current setting along the shore S. by E. we could not steam against it & coal is getting low. Saw 2 whales & lowered, but one of the boats ran over a whale & we saw them no more. Anchored at 3 P. M. Bar 30.30

Monday, Aug 19

Fresh N. E. wind Cruising off Cape Brown. & lowered for a whale, but did not get him.

Tuesday Aug 20th

Cruising & lowered again for a whale which again was one of the unsociable kind

Wednesday Aug 21st

Fresh East Wind. Passed Cape "Valhousie" at 3 A. M. & steamed to Cape Bathurst. At 11 A. M. came up to Newport. Home.

"Beluga" Barless. Alexander & Howard.
Saw three whales & chased all day
with four other ships also chasing
Anchored at 10 a.m. off Baillie Island
Captains. Lot

Thursday Aug 22nd

Light breeze from N.E. Strong current
so the ship would not steer. Captains
Lilton & Leavitt. came on board this
evening & intend going west tomorrow.

Friday Aug 23rd

Started west under sail in company
with four steamers. Came to anchor
at 7 P.M. off Cape Brown in thick fog.

Saturday Aug 24th

Light N.E. wind & fog. Steaming S. by S.

Sunday Aug 25th

Fresh N.E. wind & thick fog. at 8 a.m.
cleared up & steamed ahead in company
with M. D. Hume. At 2 P.M. raised a whale
& lowered. Hume also lowered & all boats
chased till dark. Hume's boats struck &
missed & so galled the whale.

Monday Aug 26th

Strong N.E. wind. Sailing & steaming
west. raised a whale going west like
the wind. Bar 30.

Tuesday Aug 27

Hove up anchor & steamed for the Island
Spoke Str "Belvedere" at 6 a.m. & got
some outside news & some papers.

at 10 a.m. Spoke the Balena Captain
Williams. at 12. Captain McGregor of the

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"Orca" came on board. told us all the news, & then brought his steamer back with us to the Island, where he will give us coal from the Orca. At 4 p.m. we anchored near the "Landspit," and got our mail from the "Jeanie" which arrived two days ago. Another steamer acting as "Lender" to vessels not belonging to the P.S. N. Co is expected in a few days. We found Mr. Stringer, awaiting a passage to San Francisco on the "Jeanie" in Company with him were the Right Rev. Bishop Peave of the Yukon River Diocese who is visiting the Island in the interest of the Mission work on the Coast, & Mr. Whitaker who has lately arrived from Toronto, Ontario, to assist Mr. Stringer with his work & take charge while he is absent from Fort McPherson, he will probably visit our Fleet this winter & remain some

found for the Yukon River & have a fair wind, but are very ignorant about the management of a boat. At 6 p.m. we had to go in shore and anchor as it was blowing a gale & snowing. I hope the Providence that has carried Bishop Peave through thirty years hardships in the Northwest of Canada will get him ashore all right, out of the gale & drifting ice. There is a whiteman living near here in charge of a meat icehouse belonging to Capt. Mackenzie of the St. Fearless.

time at the Island. Mr Stringer is going home to be married & we have asked the Bishop to appoint him as missionary at the Island. as he is a great favorite with the whalers, is earnest & conscientious in his work & seems well fitted for the position which is by no means an easy one. Bishop Reeves held service last Sunday here. There are 20 vessels in the Bay at anchor.

Wednesday Aug 28th

Taking coal from "Orca" & getting mail ready to put on board the "Janie". All Captains busy, seeing to stores, etc & exchanging Officers & men. It has been decided to send the "Thrasher" down to San Francisco in charge of Captain Tilton whose mate will take command of the "Newport", our mate Mr Ashley will go down, being replaced here by Mr Bolles who came up to be mate of the "Thrasher".

Thursday Aug 29th

Taking coal from the "Janie".

missed & so galled the whale.

Monday Aug 26th

Strong N.E. wind. Sailing & steaming west. raised a whale going west like the wind. Bar 30.

Tuesday Aug. 27.

Hove up anchor & steamed for the Island spoke the "Belvedere" at 6. a. m. & got some outside news & some papers.

at 10. a. m. Spoke the Balanza Captain Williams. at 12. Captain McGregor of the

Friday Aug 30th

Finished coaling at 12 noon. 150 tons. Took on board all our small stores & Captain's private stores. Bar 29. 80.

Saturday Aug 31st

Fresh N. W. wind & thick fog. The old Bark Triton which was stove in the ice last week was condemned in the harbour today & sold at Auction. Captain Leavitt bought her for \$400. for the P. S. & Co. we shipped two sailors from her. Put our mail on board the frigate (I wrote 30 letters) said fare well to Mrs Weeks & others who are going down & went to sea at 8 p.m. having on board Bishop Reeve Mr Whitaker two Stigita & their whale boat in tow filled with stores for the mission.

Sunday Sept 1st

Thick & squally with fresh N. W. wind & a-m raised a whale, but having the clergy on board did not get him of course. Set the missionaries afloat in their whale-boat near the shore off Ray Point. They are bound for the Mackenzie River & have a fair wind, but are very ignorant about the management of a boat. At 6 P.M. we had to go in shore and anchor as it was blowing a gale & snowing. I hope the Providence that has carried Bishop Reeve through thirty years hardships in the Northwest of Canada will get him ashore all right, out of the gale & drifting ice. There is a whiteman living near here in charge of a meat ice-house belonging to Capt Mackenzie of the St. Fearless.

Diaphragms or Stops.

The Photograph will be sharper by using a smaller stop but as a less amount of light is admitted the exposure must be lengthened in proportion. In photographing groups it is advisable to use a larger diaphragm, so that you may give it shorter exposure.

For a Landscape view in brilliant sunlight with the smallest stop, one to five seconds will suffice, for a dull light or sun under a cloud it will require five to ten seconds. With the ~~one~~ next larger stop the exposure will be about half as long. If very rapid plates are used the above figures must be reduced one half.

From eleven till two o'clock is the brightest part of the day. At early morning or late at noon the exposure must be ~~at~~ longer than at noon.

Make three exposures on one plate, after focusing draw the slide about one third out, and expose for ^{1 second} ~~three seconds~~, draw the slide out half the remaining distance and expose ~~2 seconds~~ the same length of time. Now draw the slide entirely out and expose again. Thus you will have 3 seconds for the first ~~half~~ part of plate 2 seconds for the next and 1 for the last. and the development will tell which is nearest right.

Development.

Place in tray and apply developer. rocking the tray ~~at the first~~ the image should begin to appear on a properly exposed plate in twenty to thirty seconds, and the development continued till the sky or high lights appear quite black and the image begins to fade from its bright yellow appearance. At this stage the image can usually be dimly

seen from the back of the plate. This operation will occupy only a few minutes. Do not check the development too soon, as detail will be lost and the negative will be void of contrast but will be weak and flat, neither continue too long as fog and flatness will result.

To remove the yellow brown color in a negative caused by the pyro in the developer it should be immersed in a saturated solution of alum for a few minutes after fixing and washing after which it must be washed to remove the alum. Some add the alum to the fixing bath, but in this case the negative must be washed longer to remove the Hypo.

Blue prints may be

large stops 1st size.

Photographic Reference

	Stop	Time	Hour of day	Distance	Remarks
Will + fish	2 nd size	instant	3.30 p.m.	10 ft	Good, light but not clearly developed
Landscape	2 nd size	instant	noon, bright sun	100. ft	Good, clear negative.
Point Rock					
Floating ice	smallest	4 seconds	10 a.m., dull	25 ft	Overexposed came up in developer very soon, & grew dull, again.
Floating ice	smallest	2 seconds	10 a.m., Dull	25 ft	Took a long time to show up in developer pretty good negative
J.H. Freeman in the ice, 2 nd time	2 nd size 23 plate	instant	4 p.m.	100 ft	good
Group on deck	4th stop 23 plate	1 sec -	3 p.m. bright sun	25 ft	2 g too much light
Group on deck	2 nd 23 plate	instant	3 p.m. bright sun	25 ft	good - rather thin
Lucian baby	2 nd stop 26 plate	instant	bright sun	10 ft	good
Ship John W. Winthrop	2 nd stop 26 plate	instant	bright sun	=	good
Barre Regis & son	2 nd stop 26 plate	"	noon	15 ft	good (very)
Mr. Ashby	"	"	"	"	"

People I wrote to from Fort Clarence

Mother.

Mollie

Amin

Alex & Eunnie

Will

Sam & Emma

Ida.

Edna

Ernestine

Mrs Weeks

Mrs & Lee

Mrs Bounham

Mrs Hickox

Dr Fletcher

Mrs Brooks

Jean McLeese

Mrs Mills

Captain Herring

Corrine Gibson

Mrs Simmons

address

Rev H.C. Stinger

Wycliffe College

Toronto

Canada

Bishop Reeve

Care of Dean Crisdale

St-Johns

Manitoba

Forward some photos of natives etc

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Winter Quarters
Herschell Island. November 1st
1895

Sunday November 3rd 1895

The anxiously looked for whaling
Season of '95 has come and gone
and most of the whales have gone
with it, so that the expectations for
a great improvement on last year's
"Catch" have been far from realized
and the captains who spent last
winter at Herschell Island and are
looked for another long eight months
of waiting are more than discouraged.
On Saturday September 1st having taken
all our coal & stores from the "Jeanie"
and made an exchange of dates,
Mr. Ashley going down to San Francisco
on the Ste. "Lumber" and Mr. Bolles
taking his place here, we started out
cruising ~~between~~. We got 3 good whales
and struck & lost a fourth, and on
September 25th came in to the Island
with a load of wood, and found
the ice thick in the Bay, and
young ice beginning to make.
On October 12th all ships were fast
in Winter Quarters with two inches
of young ice all over the Bay, and in
some places much thicker. There are 14

vessels in the Harbor including the
old Bark "Victor" which was condemned
and sold to the Pacific Steam Whaling
Company, after getting badly stove
while whaling this Fall. She lies
dismasted in the mud at the head
of the Bay, an interesting whaling
relic, having been built for the business
nearly eighty years ago.

We are all quite settled for the winter
with the exception of Bankine the
snow round the ships. The Freeman
is well housed over fore and aft
and fires are going on all decks
and living rooms. The weather
has been very fine, no severe cold
and little snow. The coldest
day yet the therm - stood 2° Above
zero. There is no sickness at present
and meat is not scarce. The
native hunters report a number
of deer already killed out in the
country. We have five hunters
this winter and already we have
received 800 fish and 1000 lbs of
deer meat including 186 lbs brought
in by an Itgillie yesterday. The first
lot of Itgillies or Inland natives
arrived yesterday, and more
are expected any time.

On Friday November 1st the first
Theatrical Performance was given
by the Herschell Island Minstrels.

on board the St. Beluga, and on the whole^{it} was quite a creditable & amusing affair.

The days are fast growing shorter it is necessary to light our lamps at two o'clock in the afternoon; but the nights are beautifully clear and bright.

Sunday Nov. 10th

The weather has continued very fine and during the last few days it has grown colder, the ~~ther~~ being lower today than we have had it this fall 10° below zero. Northeast breeze and bright sun shine for a few hours at midday. The latest amusement in the Quarters is fishing for the rising tides have cracked the ice all along the beach, and in the cracks holes are made a foot or more across looking through the holes numbers of small fish are seen darting about in the shallow water. A small line with hook is let down through the hole & the fisher on his knees peers through to watch for a bite, and snatch the fish up to the ice. These little frost fish are deliciously sweet, and look very much like our Tom-cod. Captain Young of the St. Karluk invited all the Captains & Ladies to dinner this evening. Will & I were not able to go as Dorothy is laid up with a severe cold. Betie Sherman is also ill with cold, so his mother & father

did not attend the dinner either.
A large number of Itkillies came in
last week, from Le Peire House. ~~and~~
The natives from Fort McPherson are
expected soon. Our Inumatagauite
hunters Pira, with his family,
Ingosuk came in yesterday.
They report having killed a number
of deer which they were not able to
bring in. "Little Joe" left with Mr
Thomas for the Eastward on a
trading expedition.

Monday November 17th

Today our first Blizzard has arisen
and with it some visitors from
Fort McPherson. Mr Fitch the
Hudson Bay Company's trader and
Mr Whitaker a young missionary
who will remain at Herschel Island
all this winter. They brought a few
letters which came in the H. B. Co's
packet, some of which were dated
in August this year. We received
a letter from Bishop Reeve, from
Fort Hope.

Overland Mail Route

Letters leaving Herschel Island Nov. 18th
1895 are carried by Mr Fitch the Hudson
Bay Company's Officer to Fort McPherson
(Peel River) 280 miles by dog team
in about 14 days. Thence on about
Jan 20th 96 by Indian runners and
dog teams to Good Hope 280 miles



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changing teams and runners every 10 days or so, passing Forts, Norman, Brigley, Simpson, Providence, Resolution, & Smith and arrives at Chipewyan after a further distance of 1140 miles, or about April 1st where it remains until May 10th on account of unsafe ice on the River. About this time the Rivers open up & boats take the mail up to Athabasca a further distance of 437 miles including 90 miles of Rapids. Hence it is carried by wagon to Edmonton the first Railway Point about June 15th, which is 2227 miles from here.

Monday Nov. 18th

Our mail left this A-m in care of Mr Smith who will carry it on his team to Fort McPherson, where he expects to arrive in about ten days with good weather for traveling.

We have made arrangements with Kenneth Stuart an St-gillic to bring the mail to us in the Spring, the ships altogether paying him \$50.00 for the trip! I have given Mr Smith an order to send me an Indian shirt and two pair of moccasins for Brothie, which Kenneth will bring down.

The Ther- registered 32° Below zero this A-m - the coldest it has been was

38' Below a few days ago. Tonight
it is blowing a North East Breeze

Sunday Nov 24th
Blowing hard from the Eastward
but warm, the Thermometer 50° above
zero. We sent out a hunting outfit
today, with Antoine Rodier and
Elija. They are bound to the westward.
Mr. Mitterer held service this p.m.
on board the Beluga there was quite
a large attendance.

Thanksgiving Thursday Nov 28th (Thanksgiving)
Bill of fare Fine and clear with light airs from
Turtle soup all points. Ther 8° Below zero. Bar 30.10.

² Lobster Supper All hands had a holiday and
Palace a good dinner fore & aft.

³ Calloped on the Captain Leavitt, Mr. Bolles, Mr. Warren,
on toast Mr. Denny had dinner with us, & we

⁴ Roast Pork had a pretty good bill of fare for the
apple & apple & apple ocean. I made five dozen corn-
Roast venison balls for our sailors, & Bill gave them
mashed potatoes or "heat". We spent the evening
stirring beans at the Theatre, on the Beluga.

Green peas On Wednesday 27th Murrang and Cunnik
Union dance came in with a load of deer-
⁵ mince pie meat. The Sun left today.

Cream pie Sunday Dec 1st

Rice jelly Fine, clear weather, blowing hard
vanilla ice cream from the Southward during a.m.
walnut wafers P.m. calm & clear. Ther 30° above zero
olives, sweet Bar 29.60. Bright sunset sky at
pickles, pepper 12 (noon) Service was held on the
into raisins

Beluga this p.m.

December 25 (Gnacs)

December 29th.

During the first two weeks of this month the weather continued fine and clear with the thermometer ranging from ten to twenty below zero, but not much wind, nearly every afternoon saw us coasting on the hill by the ice houses and having lots of fun. On the 18th the weather became colder, the thermometer dropping lower each day and most of the time a strong S.W. wind blowing. Most of the dog teams that had left for the country, had to come back to shelter & on the 24th it being 40° below zero several of the men who came in were frozen, one was Antonio Paderic, our boat steerer; ~~who~~ ^{but} we were glad to find ^{he} had only slightly frozen his feet, which are already getting well. None of the men will lose any limbs. We had a truly winter of Gnacs, and on Gnacs we thought we were all busy getting ready the stockings and presents for the little ones, we had promised "the Boys" to attend the theatrical performance on the Beluga, in the evening, ~~to~~ which proved to be a very creditable show. Dolly woke early this morning & found a full stocking and numerous bundles all round her bed, and in the wheelhouse.

best surprise of all a real Ymas tree
about 3 feet high, & decorated with
popcorn, paper ornaments, candles, etc.
and looking as pretty & real as if it had
not travelled 80, miles over ice & snow
on a dog sled, and been trimmed
and made beautiful by the ^{German} sailors
in the forecabin of the Jase H. Freeman.
So Ymas was brighter for us by the kind
thoughts of these men who with so little
brightness in their lives, have still a
tender memory of their Ymas festivals
in the Fatherland. And Santa Claus
brought them all a stocking and
a good dinner. The children
were delighted with the tree & a
great many of their friends came
in to see the first Arctic Ocean
Ymas tree, which is also the first
green tree some of us have seen
for two years. Two or three friends
had dinner with us, & in the evening
the new orchestra played some very
good music for us in the forward
cabin, till it was time for them
to attend the Supper on board the
"Beluga", given by the Captain to
the members of the two Theatrical
Companies. This ended the day's
festivities.

Sunday Jan. 5th

The cold weather continues. Ther-
at present - a - m. 40° Below zero. But no

wind. Bar. 31.15. There has been a good deal of S. by E. wind lately, but no severe blizzard since June. The light grows much stronger each day.

New Year's day passed very quietly. All the Captains and some of the officers called during the day, & in the evening as we were alone Will took some flashlight photographs of the cabin.

Saturday January 25.

For the last week excitement has run high & the thermometer has run low. From the 16th ~~th~~ to the 20th it blew the hardest gale we have had at Herschel Island. The wind varying from West to North West, and snow drifting in clouds.

Monday the 20th being the 31st Anniversary of my birthday a party was got up by the Ladies & I was easily trapped into going for a call on board the "Beluga" where everyone had met to surprise me. The evening was passed in playing Progressive Whist (at which I won the 1st prize) dancing, & music. A new England Cupper at 11 o'clock, & all had a good time. A native on board about midnight with word that a number of sailors had run away taking 18 dogs and a quantity of provisions. It was found out later that 7 men had gone, and dogs from nearly every ship.

21st It was found that 2 men were missing

from the Alexander, 2 from the John & Prudhomme
1 from the Navasch, 1 from the Kasluk & 1
from the Beluga. 3 dogs were taken
from the Peenow, but 2 returned having
got out of their harnesses. Two warehouses
on shore have been broken into and a
quantity of stores stolen, also several
articles from the ships. A case of rifles and
a quantity of cartridges were missing.
A native boy came in, in the evening
from Ray Point, bringing the shocking
news that Mr. Lilton, boathead of
the Alexander, had been lost during
the blizzard of last week. He left
here the day the storm began intending
to go to Ray Point, he had with him
a native and dog team. The boy's
account was that Mr. Lilton being
unable to walk any longer against the
driving storm & as it was quite dark
had got into the sleeping bag on the sled
& the native judging they were near
a native camp, kept running ahead
of the dogs to guide them. Looking back
a short time after he could see neither
sled nor dogs anywhere. He then ran on
to the camp, which ~~he~~^{they} had nearly
reached, & got several natives to go
back with him & look for the sled,
and they were still looking when
the boy left to bring the news to the
ships, which he had great difficulty
in reaching, as the storm kept up its fury

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On the 22nd a party of men was organized & sent out to continue the search for the missing sled. The thermometer being 45° below zero. A woman reports the runaway sailors in camp last night at the South-west Anaktapit about 12 miles from here. On the 23rd the Captains decided to send out a party of officers to follow the Runaways, take their plunder & bring them back to the Island. At 3 p.m. the joyful news flew round that the search party had returned bringing Mr Siltou alive & only slightly frozen in several fingers. He was found on Sunday by the natives who had kept up the search, & coming on a piece of rope in a snow drift drew out one dog after another alive, and found Mr Siltou in the sleeping bag, ^{which} the natives cut off him, and carried him to their camp where they did all in their power for his comfort. He had suffered greatly from his frozen fingers and had eaten nothing but snow since Thursday night. At one time he crawled out of the bag but found the storm too fierce to dare venture away from the sled & in getting back into the bag lost his mittens & so froze his fingers. Otherwise he does not appear to have received any bad effects from his terrible experience of 3 nights & 2 days.

January 25th

This morning, six officers with three sleds & 32

ago, to follow up the Runaways. Ther. 52° Below.

27th

Officers came back as the weather was too cold for traveling.

28th

Another expedition started after the Runaways this morning Ther 32° Below. Feb. 1st Mr Cottell of the Newarch came in from the country & reports having met the Runaways a day ahead of the Officers.

Feb 3rd Today Captain Sawitt cut off three fingers from Mr Siltor's right hand.

Feb 5th It has been blowing hard from N. E. W for several days, at noon today the wind moderated. Ther 40° Below zero. A very good performance was given by the Rival Theatrical Troupe on board the Paruk this evening.

Feb 6th

At 5 P. M. the Officers came in with 4 of the Runaways, and all the rifles and provisions that they had. All the men were captured but three of them got away during the night, it is supposed they were assisted by the St Gillies whose camp was near. One of the men brought in & who belongs to the "Beluga" is badly frozen & will lose one foot. The Officers who went out received a hundred dollars each for their services, every ship contributing to make

up the amount. A strict patrol & watch is kept on the Beach and round the ships sailors are required to be on board. Their respective ships at ten o'clock at night and every precaution possible has been taken to prevent the recurrence of this affair. March 18th.

During the latter part of February the weather was somewhat milder, and what blows we had though violent were of short duration. There have been no serious cases of sickness and no scurvy as yet. Beer & meat has been plentiful, and we might have all had a larger amount if the weather had not been too severe ~~and~~ for much travel. The days are much longer, and we all enjoy our evening walks after dinner. The Five Ladies decided to give a Leap year Party on the 29th and for weeks previous all were busy taxing their brains and ransacking their stores for ideas and material, where-with to make the affair a great success in spite of all obstacles, even envy, malice and all uncharitableness, a small amount of which ingredients were sure to get into a pie which five women undertook to make. A gang of men were engaged, musicians, ~~musicians~~ Carpenters, decorators, Costumers etc, and kept busy. Horcas meetings were held, and secrets told & retold, & everyone worked with a will. It took nearly a day to decorate the

whole deck house of the "Beluga", and which
looked very fine when finished. The ceiling
& walls covered & draped with flags &
numbers of colored paper lanterns and
chandeliers were hung. The ladies
laid and decorated the long ~~bed~~
dinner table, which was set for twenty
two guests, and at half past five o'clock
were dressed themselves and waiting to
receive the weaker sex. All wore fancy
costumes, and four of the gentlemen
came in full evening dress. Their suits
having been made and designed by
themselves, and the material, like that of
the ladies dresses furnished from
the ships trade stores. Pants of red striped
bed ticking, vests of red & white plaid, &
swallowtails of a quad pattern of
red & black calico, with the whole
set off by white boat sail collars cuffs &
shirt bosoms, in the center of which
blazed huge diamond studs (glass and
lights) and an immense calico sunflower
completed the costumes, which would have
done honor (basing the faces) to a male
quartet in any lighted Park
Minstrel troupe. When all the lights were
lit and the dinner fairly under way
we felt quite satisfied at the result of our
labors, and for one would not have been
ashamed of the table, the service or the
men anywhere. The men were charmed
& made speeches to that effect, also thanking

the Ladies for their kindness & hospitality in general. After dinner the evening was spent in playing cards & dancing, with light refreshments served at midnight. All pronounced the Seaplane Party a great success. Captain King celebrated his birth day on the 3rd of March by a dinner party to all the Captains & Ladies, & on the 4th Mr. of the Freeman gave Mr. Bolles a Birthday Surprise Party, which pleased him very much.

One evening last week ten of us called on Captain Leavitt, & spent a very pleasant evening, & Captain King cooked supper and served it, and when we started home we found the wind which had been blowing a little all evening had increased to a gale, and a veritable Higgard, the most severe we have had, was raging. We were determined to tackle it and get home, which we did, though in what way shape or manner it is hard to tell. We were not out more than ten minutes, but I tumbled in on deck fairly wind spent, & with one side of my face frosted solid, while the others felt as though a hundred needles had been run into it. I don't want to take such another walk, even with the same escort who ^{weighs 240^{lb}} though not much of a guide made a splendid anchor. That was the worst blow I have ever been out in.

At midnight of the 16th of March 12 sailors ran away from different ships and a party of Officers Captains & natives were

at once equipped & started in pursuit
a few hours later. On Tuesday morning
three native hunters came in having
been met by the Kuncaways & robbed of
sleds, dogs, rifles & provisions. The Captains
also returned leaving the officers in
pursuit. Wednesday morning the weather
was bad with a strong S.W. breeze blowing
at noon the Officers returned, & reported
catching up to the Kuncaways the
previous evening, as they were entering
the bed of the River which forms a roadway
into the Itqilik country, & thence to the
Yahou River. The mines there being the
Sailors objective point. The Sailors would
not allow the officers to get near them
but began firing their rifles from
behind a breastwork formed of their sleds
as there were only five officers against
twelve ten well armed and desperate
men, they gave up the pursuit and came
back for further orders. The Captains sent
word by two Itqiliks who had been in
for trade, to warn the natives all through
the Country against giving any help to
sailors, and offered a large reward
for their capture. On Sunday the 22nd
Captains Leavitt & Callahan with three officers
and two natives started up the River
to put the native hunters who are just
now all camped on the river, on the trail
of the sailors, and also warn them to guard
their provisions and ammunition. Sunday

evening our boat steerer Antone came in with a large load of deer meat and reported meeting the runaways, who having robbed three teams of dogs & meat, did not trouble him.

Wednesday 25th was the finest day we have had, so warm that the snow on the north side of the ships melted a good deal -

Thursday 26th At 3,30 o'clock this morning Captain Leavitt & party returned bringing six of the runaways, who had been captured by two white traders, Mr. Hoggan officer of the *Maude* & Mr. Howland officer of the *Karluk*. They were on a deer hunting expedition, and were informed the sailors ransacked their camp and stole their clothes, driving out the native who was in charge. They at once got the natives together, nine in number and chased the runaways, who refused to give up themselves up even when one of their number was wounded, but kept on running and firing all the time. At last one was killed and wounded and five others caught, the five others got away on the mountains, two without guns or food, & they will probably all be taken or left to starve, for the natives are so incensed at their robbing them that they will not give them any assistance. It is thought that the wounded man cannot recover. He belongs to the "Jeanette". The man who was killed by the natives belonged on the "Northern Light". This has

been an exciting and anxious time, but it is hoped that the sad ending of this outbreak will prevent any more men from trying to escape.

Sunday March 29th.

The weather is clear bright but cold, the maximum being 32° Below zero. During the middle of the while at midday the sun is quite warm. This morning the mother of one of our hunters died in her Igloo, she has been very sick all winter, was quite old. The natives have gone into mourning. All that were living on the ships were told by the chief to move on shore, and stop work for a certain time, & none will sleep eat or work on the ships till their time of mourning is over.

This is all done more for the sake of custom than sorrow or regret. For the death of an old person is considered rather a benefit to the community, as they have become a ^{weight} burden to themselves and friends it is considered only right & proper that they should take themselves off, and the old people look at the matter in the same light precisely.

On March 8th 1894

One from the Sea.

I stood on the deck at midnight
As the bells were striking the hour
And the waves were heaving around me
And turning my stomach sour.

How awful, oh how awful!
Alas in my anguish I cried
For I would that I never had ventured
On that Ocean wild and wide

For my head was sick and heavy
And my mind oppressed with care
And what I had eaten for dinner
Seemed greater than I could bear.

How Awful! oh how awful!
Alas I could say no more
For without a moment's reflection
I was sick on the deck's clean floor

But now it has fallen from me
It is buried in the sea
And only within the fishes
May you find what was once in me

Even yet as I gaze on the Ocean
And watch the ships it bears

Once more there returns that anguish
Once more there returns those fears

And I think of how many thousands
Of good encumbered men
Have unloaded their burdens in common
In crossing the Sea since ~~then~~

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On the 8th of March 1894 we sailed from San Francisco on the Steam Whaling Bark "Jesse H. Freeman". Passing through "The Heads" at 3.30 p.m. we took a last look at the city, and "Golden Gate" and started northward on a three years cruise in the Arctic Ocean. The crew consisted of the Captain, six officers, two engineers, and carpenter in the cabin, six boat steers, two firemen in the stowage, twenty two seamen in the fore-castle, cook steward, cabin and messroom boys. Captain Williams, passenger with Brothly and myself bringing up the rear, and prepared to fit into any position that time of opportunity might afford. Our live stock numbered eight: three City front mongrels, a fine spaniel pup, three canaries and a cat. The first fourteen days were rather miserable, most of the time fair wind, a good deal of fog, and a big sea, nearly everyone had a few days of seasickness, and we found the deck during this stage the most comfortable place, being free from the smell and noise of the engine, which is quite near our cabin. Brothly soon got over her sickness, and learned to eat hash with a relish, busy all day, finding out things about the ship and making chums with the men and officers. The Captain waited on us and endeavored to cheer us with the assertion that the "Freeman" is an A No 1 sea-boat. I was too lazy and limp to contradict him, and felt that I had accomplished wonders, in learning a dozen table napkins, and "picking out" two tunes off my mandolin, but singing "Home Sweet Home" and "Rockabye Baby", which seemed the most suggestive and appropriate under the circumstances.

On Monday the 27th we were in Long, 163, 47' N. Lat. 58, 10 N, with Davidson's Bank bearing North by West, twenty miles off. The next day came to anchor under Ogadla Island in 28 fathoms of water, and all hands set to work fishing, we spent ten days on the fishing grounds, got eight barrels of cod and lots of halibut, and while

anchored in Unalga Pass we sent a boat with letters
to "Baska" a small village about twenty miles from Unalaska
where the natives promised to carry them to Unalaska in
time for the mail steamer which calls there once a month
At "Baska" ^{we} got a fine Newfoundland dog, whom we named
"Bruno". I spent most of the time here fishing and
experimenting with my camera. On Sunday April 8th
having returned through Unalga Pass, where ^{we} there
~~were~~ ^{saw} two volcanoes in action, the day before, and with
pleasant mild weather and light north wind, we felt
all serene, and comfortable, when suddenly the ship was
reported to be on fire, a few minutes of smoke and
excitement, and a few level-headed workers got it under
control, and dragged the smoking bales of oil from the
main hatch to the deck. The idea of fire on a ship a
hundred and fifty miles from shore, is not very pleasant
especially when one knows there ~~are~~ ^{are} four hundred
pounds of gunpowder, to say nothing of ^{dynamite} bombs, under your
cabin floor. On the 11th we met the ice which was fine
and scattering, steamed in amongst it and sighted
Cape Navarin, about twenty miles off. The sun out bright
for sixteen hours. We steamed in amongst the ice
for two days, with the land about fifteen miles to
the westward. On the 16th the ice closed in on us
and held us solid for fifty two days, during which
time we drifted with the pack some fifty or sixty miles into
the Northwest in the Gulf of Anadir, at one time a lead
broke open and we steamed forty miles among the
ice, till it closed in and carried us back to Cape
Navarin again. Sometimes the currents under the
pack would start the whole mass in motion in all
directions, and huge cakes would crash up and topple
over, making a terrible noise, at the same time the sides

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of the ship would be squeezed and ground so hard that it seemed as though every minute they would be stove in. On June 1st we succeeded in breaking into a lead and after two days hard steaming and most of the time working ice we reached "Indian Point", where we spoke several vessels and began trading with the natives for skins and boots. We stopped at several other places, tying the ship up to the ground ice on the shore, and got a good supply of deer skin and seal skin clothes, besides four hundred pairs of boots, in exchange for flour, tobacco, cartridges, molasses, calico and small articles ~~to~~ such as needles, combs and beads thrown in to complete the bargain. These Liberian natives are considered much more intelligent than those on the Alaskan coast, they are certainly very shrewd and a great deal of patience is required in trading with them. They speak a good deal of English which they have probably picked up from the Whale ships which always visit this coast both in going and returning from the Arctic Ocean. Though possessing superior facilities for getting food and clothing they are more unhealthy looking and poorer dressed than the natives across the Straits. Of course we must remember that in the summer they present the worst aspect in these respects. Dependent as they are on skins alone for clothing, it is customary and necessary also to wear their oldest and thinnest garments during the warmer months, and as these months are spent in hunting and fishing they are almost constantly engaged in preparing and storing for winter use the blubber of the whale, walrus and seal, also in cleaning skins ~~to~~ to be made into clothing during the winter. Their best clothing is kept for winter wear, and ^{it is} very servicable and picturesque ~~it is~~ and a great deal of labor must be expended in making it, for scarcely a single garment is without trimming or decoration, most of which is very elaborate. The natives have a preference for the brown and white or spotted

deerskins which also bring a higher price in trade. These are used for coats principally, plain brown skins being used for pants, which are worn by the men tight fitting and by the women in bloomer style. The boots are also highly decorated, the tops which are long to the knees, are made of seal skin fur, or deer skin legs, which are sewed in alternate stripes of light & dark with fancy pieces between. The soles are made of tannalookjook, the largest species of seal, and are water tight. Boots that are made for trading to the whalers are all made of this plain tanned skin as they are more durable. The sewing is beautifully